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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Victor ~~Dick~~ Taylor, Attorney in the Anti-Trust Division, was referred to me from the Director's office. He had with him one [redacted], who had some information concerning a Philip Johnson, who is alleged to be engaged in certain Nazi activities in New York City. Johnson resides at 751 Third Avenue rear, New York City. He is the son of a prominent citizen who formerly lived at Cleveland, Ohio, and who was at one time President of the White Sewing Machine Company. He is believed to be of the Tom L. Johnson family. b7D

Philip Johnson is presently living on an income which has been left to him. He has had various German friends who have evidenced a strong interest in the Nazi form of Government. Johnson was formerly in Germany, is a graduate of the 1938 class of Harvard University, speaks an excellent German, is highly excitable and of a nervous temperament and according to [redacted] is a homo-sexual type. He at one time was interested in the Museum of Modern Art, 53rd Street, New York City, and has as one of his closest friends a Mr. Blackburn, who at one time was manager of the aforementioned museum.

Johnson, it is alleged, had become interested in modern architecture and at one time arranged and was responsible for the international architectural exhibits, the first that was held in this country. He is alleged to be friendly with a Dr. Murphy, Park Avenue, 63rd Street, New York City. He has often in his conversations since 1932 expressed his interest in the coming Revolution and has stated that things will be different "when the revolution comes". A close friend of his is Lawrence Dennis, who is alleged to be an excellent speaker and publicist. An organization, according to [redacted], was formed in 1934 by Johnson known as the Grey Shirts, he believes.

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Ruth Merrill, who is now an executive with the Ladies Home Journal, RKO Building, Radio City, was formerly a secretary to Johnson, who it is alleged has an income of approximately

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$5,000.00 a month. She is in a position to obtain additional names of persons who have been associated with Johnson. According to [redacted], Blackburn and Johnson worked with Huey Long in Washington, D. C. They also lived here at that time. b7D

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
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Cleveland, Ohio,
June 1, 1940.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to report Philip Johnson, son of Homer H. Johnson who is a lawyer in Cleveland, Ohio, for being disloyal to the United States, because for years he has been working for Communism and all the other "isms", and has been to Europe several times for this purpose. When Germany conquered Norway he jumped up and down saying, "Hurrah, Hurrah for the Nazis. We won".

Since the latest developments of the war, this, I believe, should be reported. At the present time he is at their summer home in New London, Ohio, and I just learned that he intends going to Germany around June 1st.

His people are good citizens of the United States and his sister is helping the refugees in France and Belgium, but he is mesmerized by this evil that is trying to overpower the good in the world. His people feel very bad, but cannot say anything.

If I give my name and it is known, it will cause several people the loss of their positions and a great deal of trouble, therefore, I am withholding it. However, I am a loyal American citizen.

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Sincerely,

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June 24, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: Philip Johnson
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Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of an anonymous communication dated June 1, 1940, received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked at Cleveland, Ohio

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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New York, N. Y.
September 20, 1940.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: ~~PHILIP JOHNSON~~
~~BRUCE SIMMONS~~, Informant.

On August 8, 1940 a MR. BRUCE SIMMONS of 137 East 38th Street, New York City, telephonically contacted the New York Field Office at which time he advised that certain information had come to his attention which he thought should be furnished to this office. However, he stated that the information concerned an individual whose name he did not care to give over the telephone, and that if the writer could meet him on the following day he would be glad to furnish the information in person.

MR. SIMMONS was contacted on the following day at which time he explained that he was an interior decorator usually employed by people in the highest social bracket of the Metropolitan Area, and in such capacity he had been hired by ~~P. PHILIP JOHNSON~~ at 751 Third Avenue, New York City.

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MR. SIMMONS then explained that he had known PHILIP JOHNSON for a number of years and that MR. JOHNSON had told him that he, JOHNSON, was a graduate of Harvard University; that upon his graduation his father had given him a large holding in stocks and bonds in trust, from which trust PHILIP JOHNSON now receives a substantial income, approximately $5,000 a year. MR. SIMMONS further advised that JOHNSON at one time had told him that he had been born either in Indiana or Illinois and that his father was a large official in some oil company in that district. However, PHILIP JOHNSON'S father is supposed to have recently or within the past few years, disowned him because of his radical views and activities.

MR. SIMMONS then explained that MR. JOHNSON had hired him some two or three days previously to redecorate and refurnish the furniture, walls and floors of his apartment, and that while working in the apartment he noticed that the apartment was filled with many books apparently dealing with Nazism, Communism Fascism and various other doctrines being preached throughout Europe and by fifth columnists in the United States.

He then stated that he had known for some time that JOHNSON was supposed to be connected with various members of this element. In fact he stated JOHNSON some five years previous had

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endeavored to have him, SIMMONS, join an organization in which JOHNSON was then interested - The Grayshirts - which was a nationalistic tendency organization and very anti-Semitic. However, MR. SIMMONS stated that this instance had more or less slipped his mind until he had found these various books and some, what appeared to be, mimeographed copies of press releases.

These press releases were examined. However, they appeared to be nothing more than advance copies of editions of the National Whirligig, the Union Whirligig and the News Behind The News, published by the MC CLURE newspaper syndicate of 75 West Street, New York City.

It was noted that these articles were written by such men as:

RICHARD WALDO
GABRIEL VOGLIOTTI
FREDERIC SONDERM, JR.
FULTON LEWIS, JR.
RAY TUCKER
OTIS P. WINGO.

It was noted that these articles were stamped as follows:

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undersigned the MC CLURE newspaper syndicate.

It was also noted that among the various books of PHILIP JOHNSON were the following:

// I KNEW HITLER, by LUDECKE.
LENIN, by LEON TROTSKY.
SIGNALE DER NEUEN ZEIT, by DR. GOEBBELS
GERMANY'S THIRD EMPIRE, by MOELLER VON DER BRUCK.
HANDBACH DER FUDENTRAGE, by T. H. FRITSCH.
WHAT MARX REALLY MEANT, by G. D. H. COLE.
SOLDANTENDIENFT INNSUNENREICH, by KURT HESSE.
AUTARKIE, by FERDINAND FRIED.
AMERIKA UND WIR, by ERNEST JACKH.

FATHER COUGHLIN'S RADIO DISCOURSES.
SONBART'S DREINATIONAL OKONOMIEN.
CHAPPELLE'S WHILE ENGLAND SLEPT.
PAUL KRANOMHAL'S DAS ORGANFSCHE WKLTHBILD.
A set of books THE DYNAMICS OF WAR AND REVOLUTION, by LAWRENCE DENNIS.
NIN STAHLGE-WITTERN by ERNEST JUNGER.
PHILOSOPHY OF FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

MR. SIMMONS then stated that the second day that he had entered the apartment to work he had been told by JOHNSON, who addressed him by his first name, that he didn't expect him this early that day and that he was expecting some people in his home, whereupon SIMMONS told him that he would go down to the corner and have a bottle of beer, if he would be in the way, and return in about thirty minutes. SIMMONS stated he did this, and upon returning noticed that MR. JOHNSON had five men in the apartment, all of whom appeared to be of foreign origin, most notably German. He said from this it appeared as if their meeting had not been broken up, and that upon his arrival JOHNSON with three of the men left.

However, two of them went upstairs while he SIMMONS, was working on the lower floor. He said when the men went upstairs they talked in a language with which he was not familiar, stating at this time that he had been educated in English, German and French, and had a speaking knowledge of Russian and a number of the other European languages. However, the language used by these two men appeared to be some language near that of the Magyar. He said after speaking in this language for a while they then started speaking in a low tone of English, and that he, working, could not hear clearly all of what was being said. However, he did hear one say to the other that their best system would be to include their theories in schoolbooks in such a way that the schoolbooks would be passed by the various Boards of Education and inserted in their regular curriculum, whereupon the other man replied that he could assist in the work but not in an open way inasmuch as he had been identified on some previous occasion as having been connected with fifth column activities, which would lead one to believe, MR. SIMMONS stated, that this man might have been under investigation by the F. B. I. or by the Dies Committee at some time in the past.

He stated that after talking for some ten or fifteen minutes the two men descended the stairs and left. MR. SIMMONS described these men as follows:

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Number 1

Age	About 42
Height	5'10"
Weight	Approximately 160 lbs.
Build	Not fat, but slightly round, similar to a barrel.
Eyes	Narrow
Complexion	Swarthy
Nationality	Appeared to be German
Peculiarities	Bore two sabre marks on the left side of his face.

Number 2

Age	About 40
Height	5'10½" to 11"
Weight	About 200 lbs.
Complexion	Swarthy
Face	Large and long
Build	Large and strong looking
Nationality	Apparently German.

MR. SIMMONS then stated that the three men who left with JOHNSON he did not see well enough to describe; however, they were all of about medium size and were apparently of Germanic or Slavic extraction.

MR. SIMMONS stated that after the men had left he asked the Superintendent, MR. PULS, if he knew these men, whereupon PULS stated that he did not look at them being afraid that he, PULS, might recognize one and be able to later identify him. MR. SIMMONS stated he did not ask PULS for an explanation of this statement, but to him it seemed very peculiar.

It might be noted here that PULS also is supposedly of German birth.

MR. SIMMONS then stated by way of explanation of some of JOHNSON'S activities that JOHNSON was one of the few men in the United States who could go to Germany, and seemingly had access to every secret the German nation possessed, being one of the few who had visited their West Wall. Also, MR. SIMMONS stated he had heard that a friend of JOHNSON'S, a MR. ROLAND RIGGS, was also invited at one time to go through the German West Wall, but through

some act of JOHNSON'S he had prevented this by having the German officials later deny RIGGS the opportunity. He stated that during HUEY LONG'S power in Louisiana PHILIP JOHNSON was supposed to have gone to Louisiana and coached HUEY LONG in public speaking. In this respect, SIMMONS stated, JOHNSON was a very good speaker and had written articles for the radio as well as having spoken over some of the New York City stations. He further advised that JOHNSON was a close friend of such men as the following:

MR. NELSON ROCKEFELLER.
MR. STANLEY RESOR of the J. WALTER THOMPSON ADVERTISING AGENCY.
MR. E. M. WARBURG, son of the late FELIX WARBURG.
JAN RUTTENBURG, a noted professor of designing and architecture.

MR. SIMMONS stated that he understood that JOHNSON had previously been connected with the U. S. Navy holding some minor office, perhaps that of Lieutenant, and that he had found information in his apartment which seemed to indicate that JOHNSON was at this time trying to obtain a reserve commission in the U. S. Navy. He stated that the evidence he had found was a paper which contained the requisites for filling out a questionnaire for the U. S. Naval Reserve Officers' Class IV (S), which paper contained the following:

// PHILIP JOHNSON
751 Third Avenue
New York City
Born Cleveland, Ohio, 1906.
Father - HOMER H. JOHNSON, attorney now practicing in that city
Education - Public schools, Cleveland, Ohio.
Pensionnat Thudicum, Geneva, Switzerland, 1919.
Hackley School, Tarrytown, New York
Graduated Harvard University in 1927 cum laude.
Languages - speaks, reads and writes French & German
Travels from 1928 to 1940:
2 yrs. in Germany; 1 yr. in France; 6 mos. in England; visited besides every country in Europe except Russia, Spain and Norway.

Literary co-author of "THE INTERNATIONAL STYLE"
Co-author "MODERN ARCHITECTS"
Editor and author "MACHINE ART"
Business & Executive Experience
Architectural Director of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, from 1930 to 1935.
Managing Director of Townsend Farms, New London, Ohio, 1935.
Have engaged generally and actively in political endeavors against subversive elements in Ohio.
During last visit to Europe accompanied German troops in the invasion of Poland as a free-lance writer.
Now lecturing on Polish experiences before American Patriotic bodies and clubs, Reserve Officers' Clubs, Military Order of the World War, and so forth, and so forth.

MR. SIMMONS also stated that there was a personal letter in the apartment which was received by JOHNSON from a MF. RAYMOND ELLIOTT of 269 West Calvert Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and which states that he was now employed as a helper in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, but the contents of the letter seem to imply that ELLIOTT is working at something that he knows entirely nothing about and is having a hard time keeping up with the other employees.

Also, there is a letter from GEORGE BUMP, of 420½ Main Street, Woodland, California, dated 7/9/40, in which BUMP is inquiring of JOHNSON the possibility of organising a nationalistic party and also asked if there are any present remnants of HUEY LONG'S old party.

MR. SIMMONS described JOHNSON as follows:

Age	About 35 to 38
Height	About 5'11"
Weight	About 165 lbs.
Build	Medium, erect.
Hair	Dark gray, thinning
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Sunburned
Eyebrows	Heavy
Teeth	Good
Chin	Square

Speech	English perfect German good French good
Characteristics	Would be termed a handsome man.

MR. SIMMONS stated in conclusion that he had considered for many years PHILIP JOHNSON as being one of his best friends; however, if JOHNSON is connected with subversive activities and elements such as the contents of his apartment seem to indicate, then he is no longer a friend; however, he will retain such friendship to obtain any information concerning JOHNSON'S activities and associates which might be of benefit to an investigation if conducted by this Bureau.

A review of the indices of the New York Field Office reflects that there is presently on hand quite a bit of information concerning PHILIP JOHNSON.

New York File #65-2283 states that PHILIP JOHNSON is a Social Justice writer, pro-Nazi and pro-Fascist.

New York File #65-3815, bulk, sets out information by MISS MARIE MITCHELL that PHILIP JOHNSON is an artist connected with the Communist group.

New York File #65-3927 sets out information by LIEUT. CARSELLA of the O.N.I. to the effect that PHILIP JOHNSON is a Pro-Nazi suspected of being a spy. He is an American who was in Germany at the time of the Polish invasion, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and presently receives a good income from stocks left him by his father, was a graduate of Harvard University, was reported as having close association with HUEY LONG, GERALD SMITH, FATHER COUGHLIN, and also associated with the Museum of Fine Arts in New York City.

New York File #62-6772 contains additional information furnished to Special Agent M. R. Griffin by a Confidential Informant [redacted]. This matter was taken up with Special Agent Griffin at which time I advised that this information is being submitted in memorandum form for the Personal and Confidential File in-

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asmuch as it referred to information specifically having been previously furnished by his Confidential Informant [redacted]. b7D

Respectfully submitted,

CLAUDE BASS,
Special Agent.

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Subject alleged to be leader of Young Fascists of this country; was an associate of HUEY LONG and FATHER COUGHLIN and has traveled in Russia and Germany. Formerly employed by Museum of Modern Art, New York City. His home is in Cleveland, Ohio.

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DETAILS:

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent R. A. Pittman, Jr. of the Boston Field Division:

"While conducting an investigation at the Graddate School of Design, Harvard University, the writer was informed by Miss Sally Raabe, Secretary to the Dean of the Graduate School of Design, that there was an individual in the school who might bear investigation. She stated that this person's name was PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON, 995 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. She further stated that JOHNSON was reputed to be the leader of the young Fascists of this country, and was an associate of Huey Long and Father Coughlin, and had traveled in Russia and Germany. He was employed by the Museum of Modern Art, North Rockefeller Center, New York for some time before enrolling in Harvard. Miss Raabe stated that this organization was very radical and "red".

"Miss Raabe further stated that when the FBI caught some German

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authority in San Francisco and had him deported for un-American activities; that this person stated that his best friend was PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON and that JOHNSON was one of the younger Fascist leaders in this country. However, she stated that JOHNSON publicly denied any such connection with this man in the Cleveland paper.

"JOHNSON was born in New London, Ohio, July 8, 1906 and is the son of HOMER H. JOHNSON, 2171 Overvrook Road, Cleveland, Ohio."

A letter was addressed to Mr. TIMOTHY F. LEAHY, Chief of Police, Cambridge, Mass., requesting that a preliminary investigation be conducted on Subject.

Under date of March 24, 1941 a report was received from Sergeant R. L. PATTEN of the Cambridge Police Department, the body of which is quoted in part as follows:

"Subject lives with SIDNEY SIMPSON, a teacher at Harvard University. He has been employed in the Museum of Fine Arts, 11 West 53d St., New York before coming back to Harvard College from which he graduated with an A.B. in 1927.

"He gives New London, Ohio as his home but his parents live at Cleveland, Ohio.

"He is now taking a course in the graduate school of Designing, Harvard."

The Cambridge Police further reported that they were unable to ascertain whether or not Subject is engaged in unusual activities.

Subject is described as being 34 years of age, tall, slim and blond.

The investigation was made by Sergeant O'CONNOR of the Cambridge Police Department.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK CITY, will make appropriate investigation to determine whether or not Subject is known in Communist circles in New York. It is noted in the foregoing that Subject was employed by the Museum of Modern Art in Rockefeller Center before he came to Harvard College. In view of informant's statement that this institution is very radical in its tendencies, it is left to the discretion of the New York Office as to whether or not the Museum of Modern Art will be contacted relative to Subject.

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, will make appropriate investigation to determine whether or not Subject has been active in Communist circles there. It will be noted from the foregoing that Subject is the son of HOMER H. JOHNSON, 2177 Overbrook Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION:

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS., through known discreet sources of information at Harvard University, will make investigation for the purpose of determining whether or not Subject is now engaged in subversive activities or associated with any un-American groups.

P E N D I N G.

Philip Castellyns Johnson

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
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Keep your eye on
Mr. Philip Johnson
about 5 foot 6 medium
build in the corner of
Ash Street & Acacia Street
Cambridge, Mass. studying under
Mr. Gropius at the Harvard
Architectural School.
Described in Shriner's

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Bessie Diary as an American facist and a spy. He will bear watching especially in his influence on the younger ones in the same classes with him.

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Keep your eyes on Mr. Philip Johnson about to build a modern house on the corner of Ash Street & Acathia Street, Cambridge, Mass. Studying under Mr. Gropius at the Harvard Architectural School.

Described in Shermer's Berlin Diary as an American Facist and a spy. He will bear watching especially in his influences on the younger men in the same classes with him.

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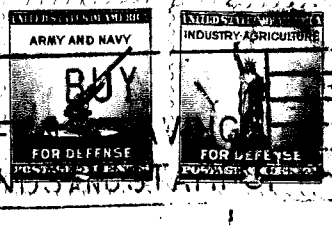

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August 4, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: PHILIP JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked July 15, 1941, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New Brunswick, N. J.
July 23, 1941

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

You will find enclosed Photostatic copies of the following documents:

(1) letter dated August 30, 1940, from Johnson & Johnson to Harper & Brothers, Publishers;

(2) letter dated August 30, 1940, from Johnson & Johnson to Mr. Dale Kramer;

(3) telegram dated August 30, 1940, from Mr. Frederick L. Allen to Mr. Robert W. Johnson;

(4) letter dated September 3, 1940, from Mr. Frederick L. Allen to Mr. Robert W. Johnson;

(5) excerpt from September 16, 1940, issue DRUG TOPICS, entitled "Error and Retraction";

(6) letter dated September 27, 1940, from Mr. J. G. McCarthy to Mr. Norman Cousins;

(7) letter dated October 1, 1940, from Mr. Norman Cousins to Mr. J. G. McCarthy;

(8) letter dated October 2, 1940, from Mr. J. G. McCarthy to Mr. Norman Cousins; and

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(9) excerpt from "Berlins' Diary,"
by William Shierer.

It is our thought that this information may be of some interest to you. It seems apparent that the gentleman in question, one Philip Johnson, has certain extreme views, which may be harmless, but in which you may be interested in view of the present national and international situation.

For our own part, we, of course, wish to put to an end any purported connection between this man and Johnson & Johnson. As the enclosed documents will reveal, this purported connection has already proved very embarrassing to us. It is especially embarrassing because of the reputable character of the publications which have published this false association as a fact. From this we can only conclude that this man is in the habit of indicating that he has some connection with Johnson & Johnson or with the Johnson family associated with Johnson & Johnson. This is entirely false.

We would greatly appreciate any assistance which you might find it possible to give us in this regard.

Very truly yours,

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

By Robert Mortimer

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Mr. Robert Mortimer
Office of General Counsel
Johnson & Johnson
New Brunswick, New Jersey

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Dear Mr. Mortimer:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 23, 1941, with enclosures. I want to thank you for your courtesy and interest in communicating with me.

You may be assured the allegations in the enclosures with your letter which bear upon internal security of this country will be given appropriate consideration. However, I am, of course, without authority to take any steps in the other matters which are of personal concern to you and your company.

In the event you have any additional information which you desire to bring to the attention of this Bureau, I want you to feel free to communicate with me, or, should you desire, you may also communicate with Mr. E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1836 Raymond-Commerce Building, Newark, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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September 10, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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RE: PHILLIP JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

The attention of the Bureau is directed to Page 213 of "Berlin Diary" by WILLIAM L. SHIRER. In relating under date of September 18, 1939 the trip from Berlin to the Polish Corridor as correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System, he states that he stopped for the night at Zoppot near Danzig. The pertinent paragraph follows:

"Dr. Boehmer, Press Chief of the Propaganda Ministry in charge of this trip, insisted that I share a double room in the hotel here with Phillip Johnson, an American Fascist, who says he represents Father Coughlin's Social Justice. None of us can stand the fellow and suspect he is spying on us for the Nazis. For the last hour in our room here he has been posing as anti-Nazi and trying to pump me for my attitude. I have given him no more than a few bored grunts."

It is believed that the later activities of PHILLIP JOHNSON may be of some interest to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy jm

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Berle:

The attention of this Bureau has been directed to page 213 of the book "Berlin Diary" written by William L. Shirer, who relates that he shared a room at Zoppot near Danzig with one Phillip Johnson, who is described as an American Fascist.

Inasmuch as the files of this Bureau fail to reflect the identity of the individual referred to by Mr. Shirer, it would be appreciated if you could supply any data which would assist in effecting his identity. Since this Johnson is reportedly an American, it is believed that he may have applied for a passport to go to Europe.

Sincerely yours,

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TITLE: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sources of information at Harvard University contacted with negative results. Information received from Mr. M. T. GILMORE, Cambridge, Mass., and by way of an anonymous letter written to the Bureau from Cambridge, Mass. that Subject was described in SHIRERS BERLIN DIARY as a German spy.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P. M. Breed, Boston, Mass., dated July 9, 1941.
Bureau letter dated August 4, 1941, Bureau File [redacted]

DETAILS: AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS:

JEROME B. GREEN, Secretary to the Regents, Harvard University, advised that he had no information pertaining to Subject.

SAM CROSS, Professor and contact of the Boston Field Office, at Harvard University, advised that he does not know and has no information pertaining to Subject.

On June 30, 1941 Mr. M. T. GILMORE, 1717 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Mass., telephonically communicated with the Boston Field Office and advised that a PHILIP JOHNSON, who was residing at 995 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass., was a person who should be investigated inasmuch as he was known in Germany and in Europe as a representative of Father Coughlin; also, that he was connected with the German Propaganda Ministry under Goebbels while in Germany; that he had been mentioned in WILLIAM L. SHIRER'S

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new book, on Page 213, where it is set out that JOHNSON was a spy of SHIRER'S for the German Government. Mr. GILMORE also stated that JOHNSON was recently mentioned in one of DOROTHY THOMPSON'S columns, so that he evidently was known by her.

Mr. GILMORE advised further that he had learned that JOHNSON was planning to make his permanent residence in Cambridge, Mass. even to the extent of building a home.

Mr. GILMORE advised that he is a History Instructor at Harvard and that he is acquainted with Special Agent HOLBERT of the Charlotte Field Office.

A letter was received from the Bureau, dated August 4, 1941, stating that an anonymous communication had been received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked July 15, 1941, at Cambridge, Mass. This letter reads as follows:

"KEEP YOUR EYES ON MR. PHILIP JOHNSON ABOUT TO BUILD A MODERN HOUSE ON THE CORNER OF ASH STREET & ACATHIA STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. STUDYING UNDER MR. GROPINS AT THE HARVARD ARCHITECTURAL SCHOOL.

"DESCRIBED IN SHERMER'S BERLIN DIARY AS AN AMERICAN FACIST AND A SPY. HE WILL BEAR WATCHING ESPECIALLY IN HIS INFLUENCES ON THE YOUNGER MEN IN THE SAME CLASSES WITH HIM."

P E N D I N G.

U N D E V E L O P E D L E A D S.

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION:

AT BOSTON, MASS., will secure a copy of WILLIAM L. SHIRER'S BERLIN DIARY and note on Page 213 the information supposed to be contained therein pertaining to Subject.

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS., will contact Mr. M. P. GILMORE, History Professor, Harvard University, at Harvard or at his residende - 1717 Cambridge Street, and secure from him additional information pertaining to Subject's purported connection with the Nazi Government.

Will contact JEROME D. GREEN, Massachusetts Hall, Harvard University for his opinion of SIDNEY SIMPSON, a teacher at Harvard University who was residing with Subject on March 24, 1941, and to secure as much information as possible concerning SIMPSON.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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Reference is made to the memorandum dated November 1, 1941,

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Respectfully,

R. H. Cunningham.

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation had on November 14, 1941, between Mr. R. H. Cunningham of the Bureau and Special Agent E. F. Enrich of your office, at which time Mr. Enrich was advised of a memorandum dated October 23, 1941, submitted

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It is desired that this matter be given immediate and vigorous attention, and a report be submitted to the Bureau promptly.

Very truly yours,

JAN 23 1942

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON	INTERNAL SECURITY - G & C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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From 1930 to 1934 subject was Director of Architectural Department of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, New York City. During this period, along with ALAN BLACKBURN, then Publicity Director of the museum, sponsored meetings of a group called the Grey Shirts, which disbanded after a few meetings. Subject became active in support of HUEY LONG in 1934; then became interested in the Townsend Movement in Ohio and in 1936 and 1937 the Father Coughlin Movement. Was in Germany at the time Germany invaded Poland, representing Father Coughlin's magazine, Social Justice, and was mentioned in WILLIAM L. SHIRER'S "BERLIN DIARY" as an American Fascist. SHIRER stated, upon interview, that German officials were extremely solicitous over subject's welfare while in Germany.

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DETAILS:

On September 25, 1941, MISS IONE ULLRICH, Assistant Executive Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, was interviewed, and she stated that she had known subject for about nine years; that he was very progressive in the field of architecture and had established the architectural section of the museum, which has been a very successful venture. She stated that the subject had been associated with the museum from about 1930, and at this time ALAN BLACKBURN was the Publicity Director. She stated that BLACKBURN and PHILIP JOHNSON had had a very intimate friendship and that JOHNSON had a reputation for being a sexual pervert and that BLACKBURN was his victim.

MISS ULLRICH said that JOHNSON and BLACKBURN were interested in an organization known as the Grey Shirts, and that jointly they sent out postal cards and had meetings in connection with that organization; in 1934 both JOHNSON and BLACKBURN left the museum and joined the HUEY LONG Movement. She stated that they had worked for a period of time with this organization and then had joined the Townsend Movement in Ohio. She said that it was her understanding that JOHNSON had sponsored or participated in radio broadcasts from a Cleveland station.

MISS ULLRICH said that BLACKBURN and JOHNSON had apparently severed their relationship in about 1938 or 1939, at which time BLACKBURN was married. She indicated that BLACKBURN was presently residing someplace in New York City.

MISS ULLRICH further stated that subject had taken numerous trips to Germany prior to 1939 and one trip subsequent to the hostilities in Europe. She stated that some time in 1939, just prior to the time JOHNSON left for Europe, inquiry was made of her by a Government agency concerning JOHNSON'S application for passport. In response to this inquiry she stated that she had known JOHNSON through his connection with the museum.

MISS ULLRICH further indicated that subject had a sister named THEODATE who had been married to a Belgian by the name of BLAMPAH. She said she had understood that THEODATE was unable to get along with her husband while residing in Belgium; that she had not been accepted by his family and had subsequently divorced him. She is presently living in New York City.

From the membership records of the museum it was revealed that subject's father is HOMER H. JOHNSON, 1669 Union Tours Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

MISS ULLRICH stated that in her opinion PHILIP JOHNSON was not the vicious type of individual who is a danger to the community, but that he is a fanatic for social reform. In conversations with the subject he has expressed himself as being dissatisfied with the present setup of the United States.

MR. ALAN BLACKBURN was interviewed on October 2, 1941, at his residence, 225 East 57th Street. MR. BLACKBURN is presently the Welfare Director of the New York Association for the Blind, located at 111 East 59th Street. MR. BLACKBURN stated that he had known subject since 1925 when they had attended Harvard University. He stated that he and PHILIP JOHNSON had roomed together at various times; that he became Publicity Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in about 1930 and that between the period from 1930 to 1934 JOHNSON and himself were interested in discussing and studying current political activities and current events. In furtherance of this desire to interest themselves in current events, they formed a loose organization which was called the Grey Shirts. Altogether this organization had seven meetings, and it was disbanded for lack of interest. The purpose and motive in having such meetings were to discuss social reforms and political events.

MR. BLACKBURN stated that in 1934 he and JOHNSON together approached a MR. CHRISTENBERRY, HUEY LONG'S secretary, and inquired what they could do to further the program of HUEY LONG inasmuch as they were interested in his organization. He stated that he and JOHNSON were able to meet LONG on several different occasions but never really became a part of his organization. He stated that the main extent of their activity with HUEY LONG was to do some research for him in connection with some of his speeches. During this time, MR. BLACKBURN explained, his source of income was PHILIP JOHNSON; PHILIP JOHNSON had a substantial income of his own while he had no other means of support except what he received from JOHNSON. Their support of HUEY LONG was cut short by LONG's death, and they then moved to New London, Ohio. They had no particular interest at first but became interested in the local political setup, and JOHNSON was able to become a Democratic candidate for the State Legislature. He stated that before the final election, however, JOHNSON withdrew his candidacy. While in Ohio they had attended several Townsend meetings and then had offered their services to leaders of the Townsend Movement in

Ohio. To further this movement, both of them travelled in the vicinity of Ohio, giving speeches. During this period they also sponsored a program called Youth and the Nation over a radio station in Toledo, Ohio. This program consisted of a series of talks about social conditions and political activities. Both JOHNSON and himself felt that this program had gained some following and felt that they would sponsor a similar program in Detroit. They then went to Detroit and attempted to sponsor a similar type of program, but upon requesting their listeners to attend a meeting they discovered that they had very little following. At about this time, in the latter part of 1936, they became interested in Father Coughlin's Movement and talked with Father Coughlin personally. Thereupon they became active, and PHILIP JOHNSON wrote several articles for the publication Social Justice.

BLACKBURN stated that he was married in 1937 and that his marriage more or less ended the friendship with JOHNSON. He said that during the past three and one-half years he has seen JOHNSON occasionally on the street but has not had any real discussions with him or has not learned of any of his activities. He said that he did know that JOHNSON visited Germany at the time of the outbreak of hostilities in Europe. BLACKBURN indicated that he knew that JOHNSON was attending Harvard University at the present time.

In BLACKBURN'S opinion JOHNSON is a patriotic individual but has not yet found the activity or political concept that he can follow. He said that JOHNSON has never had to worry about financial matters and has never had what could be termed a gainful occupation. He said that JOHNSON is primarily a theorist and his experiences with HUEY LONG and the Townsend Movement were merely an effort to put some of his theories into practice.

On page 213 of the book entitled BERLIN DIARY, written by WILLIAM L. SHIRER, published by the Alfred K. Knopf Publishers, 1941, is the following statement:

> " Zappot, near Danzig
> September 18 (1939)
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> Dr. Boehmer, press chief of the Propaganda Ministry in charge of this trip, insisted that I share a double room in the hotel here with Philip Johnson, an American Fascist who says he represents Father Coughlin's 'Social Justice.' None of us can stand the fellow and suspect he is spying on us for the Nazis.

> For the last hour in our room here he has been posing as an anti-Nazi and trying to pump me for my attitude. I have given him no more than a few grunts. "

On October 16, 1941, MR. WILLIAM SHIRER was interviewed at 485 Madison Avenue, New York City. He stated that he did not know much more about JOHNSON than appeared in his book. He said that he had subsequently seen an article in some magazine that JOHNSON was furnishing funds for a Fascist organization and was associated with Lawrence Dennis. MR. SHIRER said that the thing that struck him in Germany was that the correspondents selected to go to the front with the Germans were a somewhat select few representing important publications in the United States. Yet JOHNSON, representing Father Coughlin's Social Justice Magazine, was selected to go. He stated that JOHNSON was feted by the German authorities in charge of the press correspondents and they were quite solicitous about his welfare. He said that they treated JOHNSON in much the same way that they treated an individual named LATHROP STODDARD, who was author of a pro-German book called "The Rising Tide of Culture." He said that the visit to the Polish front on the occasion mentioned in his book was only for a few days, and he did not see JOHNSON in Germany after that time. He said it was his understanding that JOHNSON had arrived in Germany after taking an automobile trip through the Balkan States.

The following memorandum was written on June 25, 1940, by Special Agent G. F. Bickley:

> On June 11, 1940, while Agent was interviewing LIEUT. T. CARBELLO of ONI, New York City, on other matters, he advised that one PHILIP JOHNSON, who resides somewhere in the vicinity of the TURTLE BAY district, around 49th St. and 2nd Avenue, New York City, is pro-Nazi in his sympathies and is suspected of being a spy. According to the informant of the ONI, this individual is an American boy, a smooth talker, persuasive, and allegedly a pervert. JOHNSON was reported to have been in Berlin, Germany, and Amsterdam, Holland, about the time of the Polish invasion by Germany. Not much information could be furnished of his background other than that it was believed he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and has a comfortable income from stocks given him by his father following his graduation from Harvard.
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> According to their informant, JOHNSON was at one time associated with HUEY LONG as more or less an instructor

of speech. He is also alleged to have been associated with REV. GERALD SMITH and FATHER COUGHLIN, and also with the MUSEUM OF MODERN ART. His present whereabouts is unknown, and it is possible he is in Berlin at the present time.

A check of the files of the New York division fails to reflect any further information of value on PHILIP JOHNSON. This name is now being indexed in the New York Office and, in view of the non-specific nature of this complaint, no further investigation is being conducted by the New York Office.

The following is the substance of a letter directed to the Bureau on August 17, 1940:

Dear Sir:

Confidential Informant [redacted] advises that PHILIP JOHNSON is the son of a wealthy Cleveland lawyer and has been very active in American politics for many years. He has been closely identified with the political activities of the late HUEY P. LONG and the REV. CHARLES E. COUGHLIN and is an avowed Nazi and has travelled extensively in the Third Reich. He is well known and trusted in German official circles and practically every summer he has gone to Germany to visit. He was a guest of the German Army staff during the war in Poland and has inspected the SEIGFRIED LINE. b7D

JOHNSON has written as a correspondent for the magazine, "SOCIAL JUSTICE" while in Europe and has directed political campaigns for Representative Martin Sweeney of Ohio, in whose district JOHNSON maintains a large estate. He is a consistent apologist and propagandist for Hitler. He writes for various magazines and lectures considerably. One of the magazines he is presently writing for is the magazine entitled, "TODAY'S CHALLENGE," the official magazine of the AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP FORUM. JOHNSON has delivered tirades against the British at meetings of this pro-Nazi AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP FORUM. He has lectured without fee for the W.P.A. but was released because of his anti-Semitic-pro-Nazi discourses.

Several months ago JOHNSON planned to goto Germany as a war correspondent for the magazine "FORUM" but

nothing came of these plans. His home has been the weekly meeting place of active Nazi propagandists who discuss the course being taken by Germany in the war. During the summer months these meetings are not being held but several of the previous meetings were attended by informant [redacted]. JOHNSON has contributed financially to the upkeep of JOSEPH E. McWILLIAMS of the CHRISTIAN MOBILIZERS. He has very good social connections with persons of wealth and position and spreads his Nazi doctrines to these people. [redacted] describes him as about 40 years old; 5' 6" tall; weighing 150 lbs; Hair, grayish and trim; Complexion, fair. His alleged occupation is that of a broker and his financial status - wealthy and independent. He is a University graduate. b7D

The following is a memorandum dated July 31, 1941, by Special Agent E. F. Emrich:

Mr. JOHN WATSON COX of the New York Trust Company, New York City, who was, prior to the occupation of France by German troops, associated with the United States consulate at Bordeaux, France, advised that while in Bordeaux a Miss THEODATE JOHNSON was a voluntary employee at the Consulate Office. He stated that her husband was known to be the owner of ½ a hotel in Belgium, his name being BLAMPAH.

While in conversation with this girl, he learned that she had a brother named PHILIP JOHNSON who was apparently actively associated with the Fascists in this country, and who was known to be a friend of one LAWRENCE DENNIS. According to Mr. Cox, THEODATE JOHNSON is now in the United States, and recently while having lunch with her, he learned that her brother, Philip Johnson, had a recent sudden thirst for architecture and accordingly has gone to Harvard University for a course in this subject. He mentioned that Miss Johnson makes her residence at 751 Third Avenue, New York City, and her telephone number was given to him as EL 5-5078.

He went on to state that according to his information Johnson speaks German very fluently and is known to have been in Germany at the time war was declared on Poland. In addition, according to his information, Philip Johnson maintains a very large radical library and is known to be a fanatic on the subjects of Nazism and Fascism. He mentioned that JOHNSON has always been suspected of engaging in German propaganda and is known to be very anti- Semitic in his feelings.

The above is being reported as a memorandum for the information of the file, which has previously been opened concerning this individual.

New York file 65-3815, serial 1, sets out information by MISS MARY MITCHELL that PHILIP JOHNSON is an artist connected with a Communist group in the W.P.A. It is not believed that the PHILIP JOHNSON referred to in this serial is identical with the subject of this investigation because the investigation has revealed no association of subject with any relief agency.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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In reply refer to
FC 800.20211 Johnson, Phillip

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

In your letter of September 23, 1941, addressed to Assistant Secretary Berle, you asked whether the Department could supply any data which would be helpful in identifying one Phillip Johnson, described by William L. Shirer as an American Fascist. It has not been possible to identify the Phillip Johnson mentioned by Mr. Shirer, in as much as the name is such a common one. For that reason, it is suggested that the Bureau may wish to ask Mr. Shirer, who is presently working for the Columbia Broadcasting Company in New York, to supply further details.

The Department has a passport file for a Philip Johnson whose passport, issued in 1937, was renewed on June 2, 1939, as he intended to leave New York on the S.S. Columbus for travel in Germany and elsewhere in Europe. Mr. Johnson's temporary address at that time was 194 East End Avenue, New York

Letter to SAC Boston
re Mr. Cleveland
12-1-41

The Honorable

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,

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New York, New York. From statements made in his passport file, it appears that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 8, 1906, and in 1937 considered 135 North Main Street, New London, Ohio, his permanent residence. He was at one time connected with the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. It is possible that Mr. Shirer may identify this Philip Johnson as the Fascist with whom he shared a room in Zoppot.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Gordon

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Acting Chief, Division of
Foreign Activity Correlation

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Special Agent in Charge
Boston, Massachusetts

RE: PHILIP CORTELIAN JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C & C

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your information copies of a letter dated December 6, 1941, addressed to me by the Acting Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation of the Department of State, concerning an individual who is possibly identical with the captioned subject. It is noted that the latter is the subject of a pending investigation of which the Boston office is origin.

For your information, a review of the Bureau files reflects that on May 23, 1940, Mr. Dick Taylor, an attorney in the Anti-Trust Division, brought one [redacted] to the Bureau, in order to make available information concerning a Philip Johnson, who is believed to be possibly identical with the subject. [redacted] stated that Johnson resided at 751 Third Avenue rear, New York City, and was allegedly engaged in certain Nazi activities in New York City. He was said to be the son of a prominent citizen who formerly lived at Cleveland, Ohio, who was at one time President of the White Sewing Machine Company. b7D

The informant said that Johnson was then living on an income which had been left to him. He reportedly had had various German friends who had evidenced strong interest in the Nazi form of government. Johnson was declared as having been in Germany. It was also stated that he is a graduate of the 1938 class of Harvard University, and that he speaks excellent German. The same source stated that this Johnson was highly excitable, and of a nervous temperament. He also said that at one time Johnson was interested in the Museum of Modern Art, 53rd Street, New York City, and one of his closest friends was a Mr. Blackburn, who was at one time manager of the aforementioned museum.

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Johnson, 1943 is alleged, had become interested in modern architecture and at one time arranged and was responsible for the international architectural exhibits, the first that was held in this country. He is alleged to be friendly with a Dr. Murphy, Park Avenue, 63rd Street, New

for

York City. He has often in his conversations since 1932, expressed his interest in the coming Revolution and has stated that things will be different "when the revolution comes." A close friend of his is Lawrence Dennis, who is alleged to be an excellent speaker and publicist. An organization, according to [redacted], was formed in 1934 by Johnson, known as the Grey Shirts, he believes. b7D

Ruth Merrill, who is now an executive with the Ladies Home Journal, RKO Building, Radio City, was formerly a secretary to Johnson, who it is alleged has an income of approximately $5,000.00 a month. She is in a position to obtain additional names of persons who have been associated with Johnson. According to [redacted], Blackburn and Johnson worked with Huey Long in Washington, D. C. They also lived here at that time.

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The Bureau files further reflect that on November 23, 1935, Philip Johnson, 135 North Main Street, New London, Ohio, possibly identical with the subject, addressed a communication to the Bureau, alleging that the receiver of the Third National Bank, of New London, Ohio, had attempted to coerce him, by alleging that the Department of Justice had a dossier on him. At the time the Bureau received no complaint concerning any irregularity at the bank, and it was subsequently ascertained that Mr. Anson T. Gear, receiver at the abovementioned bank, had been contacted by the writer of the letter of November 23, 1935. The receiver said that Johnson's father was a former resident of New London, Ohio, and a large stockholder in the Third National Bank, which was then in the process of liquidation. He further stated that Johnson, Senior had not lived in New London for a number of years, and was at the time (December, 1935) practising law at Cleveland, Ohio, where he resided. Mr. Gear stated that Philip Johnson was a young man in his early thirties, having only recently taken up residence in New London, and that he had "taken it upon himself to endeavor to dominate the policies of this town without the consent or approval of anyone, other than himself, and in such a manner that it has become very distasteful to the businessmen of this vicinity."

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The Bureau files reflect a communication from the New York Field Division, dated August 17, 1940, stating that a confidential informant of that office advised that Lawrence Dennis had long been identified with the Nazi-Fascist cause, and that he had been closely associated with "such preminent Nazis here and abroad" as Philip Johnson, Joseph E. McWilliams, Frederick H. Auhagen, and others whose names are not pertinent to this letter.

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The Bureau files reflect a memorandum of August 27, 1940, setting forth that Philip Johnson was the closest associate of Lawrence Dennis, who has been extensively investigated by the Bureau in a Registration

Act case. Johnson is stated to have been a visitor in Germany practically every summer since the rise of Hitler, and was said to be a rabid Hitlerite. His address was given as 751 Third Avenue, New York City. It will be noted that this address is apparently identical with that of the subject of the information furnished by [redacted] 97-218-7 b7D

It is the Bureau's desire that you determine whether the subject is presently engaged in any un-American activities. You should endeavor to ascertain whether the subject is identical with the persons of the same name which are mentioned in this letter, inasmuch as it appears that Philip Johnson has in the past been known as a rabid Hitlerite, and an associate of persons whose interests have been questioned.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

cc: New York
Cleveland (with copies of incoming)

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CHANGED: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON, alias Phillip Johnson.	INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject was Chairman of Radio Committee of the Harvard Civilian Defense Unit until [redacted] directed at the head of this Unit because of Subject holding such a responsible position. He afterwards agreed to withdraw from his post as Chairman but requested that he continue to be a member of this Unit. Reported to have been associated with HUEY LONG and to have had admiration for the Nazi regime. In some quarters believed that he has reformed and is attempting to convince people of his sincerity while others feel that his present position is covering up his real feelings. Presently studying at Architectural School of Harvard University and residing at Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Mass. Author of "Berlin Diary" mentions that Subject was assigned a room with him in course of German Blitzkreig into Poland, and that JOHNSON had tried to sound him out by expressing anti Nazi attitude, but obtained no satisfaction from Mr. SHIRER.

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REF'T FORW. 12/5/54
BY

AGENCY Ltr ONI & G-2
REQ. REC'D 9-27-54
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BY

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. R. Riddle, Boston, Mass., dated October 2, 1941.
The title of this case is changed to show the alias of Phillip Johnson for Subject.

DETAILS:

On October 20, 1941 Mr. GEORGE H. EDGELL of the Harvard University Museum, advised Special Agent in Charge V. W. Peterson that Subject was very pro Nazi and that the author of "Berlin Diary" had mentioned rooming at one time with an American who was extremely pro Nazi. Mr. EDGELL further stated that the description of this American fitted the description of Subject in this case, and he, MR. EDGELL had brought this matter to the

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attention of the author of this book and the latter stated that Subject was the individual mentioned.

Report of Special Agent John K. Anthony, Jr., Boston, Mass., dated November 19, 1941, in the case entitled RUDOLPH MANGOLD, Internal Security - G., relates that on January 26, 1940, in Springfield, Mass., at a Turn Verein meeting PHILIP JOHNSON was listed as a speaker. He was described as an author and lecturer who had just returned from a two months trip on the continent and who was writing for a magazine. This report further stated that much of Subject's time was spent in criticising newspapers, and he had said that there was no truth in the report of a German uprising against Hitler, as Germans are not going to fall a second time for the "English line".

Mr. M. P. GILMORE, Tutor of Harvard University, upon interview, stated that since he had originally contacted the Boston Field Office, PHILIP JOHNSON had become a member of the Harvard Unit of the Civilian Defense Organization. He had been head of the Radio Committee in connection with the program of this organization. As such he was ex-officio and member of the Steering Committee, the policy making group of the organization. Subsequently he had been dropped from his position as Chairman but it is Mr. GILMORE'S recollection that he is still engaged in Civilian Defense Work.

According to Mr. GILMORE, the head of the Civilian Defense Unit at Harvard, was Professor RALPH BARTON PERRY, and among the other members of the Steering Committee were MISS ADA COMSTOCK, the President of Radcliffe College, and Mr. PHILIP HOFER, Curator of rare books in Widener Library, Harvard University.

MR. GILMORE further stated that there is a division of opinion among individuals at Harvard as to PHILIP JOHNSON, some believing that he has reformed in his attitude toward democracy, and Naziism, while others feel that his present inactivity is no guide to his inner feelings on these matters. Mr. GILMORE'S opinion was that JOHNSON is not a seriously dangerous individual as regards the welfare of our country. He believed that Subject is still a student at Harvard School of Architecture and is presently residing at either the Commander or the Continental Hotel in Cambridge, Mass.

PROFESSOR RALPH BARTON PERRY, head of the Harvard Philosophy Department stated that PHILIP JOHNSON is a graduate of Harvard University, cum laude in Philosppby, and had been one of his finer pupils. Shortly after the Civilian Defense Unit at Harvard had been organized JOHNSON approached PERRY and requested the opportunity to do some work for this organization, preferring some inconspicuous roll, and preferring to do some detail work. PROFESSOR PERRY felt that JOHNSON was sincere and had given up the ideas previously held by him, and was trying to rehabilitate himself and to work the hard way to correct peoples' impressions of him.

JOHNSON was given the post of Chairman of the Radio Committee until various people, realizing JOHNSON'S background had brought it to PROFESSOR PERRY'S attention and felt that such a procedure was subject to criticism. Consequently PROFESSOR PERRY spoke to JOHNSON and suggested that because of the criticism going around that it would better if Subject were to drop his position as Chairman. JOHNSON raised no objection but requested that he be allowed to continue doing some work for the organization.

PROFESSOR PERRY'S opinion was that JOHNSON was a flighty individual with a feeling for venture, and that this had been the basis for his actions in the past. He felt that JOHNSON regretted his past, had divorced the notions regarding Naziism, that he formerly held, and does now see the advantage of democracy. He strongly felt that JOHNSON was no Bundist nor did he belong to any other totalitarian group but was independent in his ideas and in his actions.

MR. PHILIP HOFER stated that he was Secretary of the Civilian Defense Unit at Harvard; had come from same town as PHILIP JOHNSON, attended college with him and had also been associated with him when both were connected with the Metropolitan Museum in New York City. While at the Museum JOHNSON had, on many occasions, expressed his admiration for various Fascist movements and suddenly, one day, announced that he was going to Louisiana to work for HUEY LONG. Mr. HOFER remarked that Mr. JERE ABBOTT, Director of the Fine Arts Museum at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., had had much more intimate contact with Subject when both were at the Metropolitan Museum.

Mr. HOFER declared that when Mr. ABBOTT learned of Subject's connection with the Harvard Defense Unit and was reported to have reformed, he declared that JOHNSON was entirely Fascist minded and no matter whether Subject swore on a stack of bibles that he had changed his opinions, he, MR. ABBOTT, would never believed it. Mr. HOFER admitted that he had no evidence that PHILIP JOHNSON was connected with the German American Bund or was associated directly with any high ranking Germans or with any German organizations.

As Agent was interviewing Mr. HOFER the latter received a visit from Mr. JAMES RORIMER, a Director of the Rockefeller Museum in New York City who declared that he was in Boston on a visit and having previously learned of PHILIP JOHNSON'S connection with the Harvard Civilian Defense Unit, had made it a point to inform Mr. HOFER of JOHNSON'S background so as to have Subject removed from such a position. MR. HOFER declared that it had been at his instigation that JOHNSON had been removed from his position as Chairman of the Radio Committee.

Mr. RORIMER stated that his family and JOHNSON had been quite intimate over the course of years, and that besides JOHNSON there was a sister, THEODATE POPE JOHNSON, now living in New York City, who also expressed admiration for the Nazi Government. Another sister, MRS. JOHN DEMPSEY, living in Cleveland, was reported to look with disfavor upon the actions and attitude of her brother and sister. MRS. DEMPSEY'S husband was stated to reside on Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland and to be an official of the Cleveland Trust Company in that city.

Mr. RORIMER recalled that while at college PHILIP JOHNSON had had three nervous breakdowns. He declared that when Subject's reported favor of the Nazi regime had been brought to his attention he, MR. RORIMER, had remarked at the time that this was another nervous breakdown on the part of JOHNSON.

There was a further report that when JOHNSON had quit his architectural studies to join HUEY LONG, he had remarked that his objective along architectural lines, that is city planning, could only be accomplished by a change of government.

MR. RORIMER stated that he had no idea as to whether Subject was connected with the Bund or any other German organization.

Miss SALLY RAABE, Secretary to the Dean of the School of Architecture, upon interview, stated that no further information pertaining to Subject had come to her attention since she had been originally contacted by Special Agent Pittman of this office. After searching her records she stated that JOHNSON is now residing at the Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Mass. and is constructing a pre-fabricated house at the corner of Ash and Acacia Streets, in Cambridge. Subject has at least one more year to go before completing his architectural studies for his Degree.

At the Hotel Continental, Gardner Street, Cambridge, Mass., Mr. CHAUNCEY STEELE, Manager, advised that PHILIP JOHNSON had been occupying a furnished suite on a monthly basis since September of this year. Mr. STEELE'S impression was that JOHNSON was connected with Harvard University in some capacity, either as Lecturer or Administrative official. No unusual activities or visitors had been noted. The only visitor known to Mr. STEELE was a Mr. MARCEL BREUER, a former transient guest at the hotel.

MR. JEROME GREENE, Secretary to the Regents at Harvard College, stated that he knew SIDNEY SIMPSON with whom Subject formerly resided at 995 memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass., to be a full Professor at the Law School, who had been given leave without pay this current year because of embarrassment which he had caused the University as a result of his habitual drunkenness.

MR. GREENE telephonically contacted Dean JAMES M. LANDIS, of the Harvard Law School, to ascertain SIMPSON'S reply. DEAN LANDIS stated that because of SIMPSON'S addiction to alcohol and the administrative action taken in his case, he would not vouch for this Professor.

MR. GREENE produced for Agent, the book published by the class of 1927 for their tenth anniversary, wherein is set forth a brief autobriography of the members of this class. JOHNSON wrote concerning himself: "On leaving Harvard in 1930 I spent a great deal of time in Europe. I studied archeticture as an amateur and later got a job as the head of the Architectural Department of the Museum of Modern Arts. In 1934 I resigned from the Museum and worked with HUEY LONG and ALAN BLACKBURN, '29 in Washington. In 1936 I ran for State Representative in Ohio and worked with FR. COUGHLIN and BLACKBURN BLACKBURN and I are now independent politically and active in our own organization, 'Youth and the Nation', which sponsors us in weekly broadcasts over Station WSPD".

Examination of Page 213 of the publication of the book "Berlin Diary" reveals that the author was there relating certain incidents occurring at Zoppot near Danzig. The author, in company with other correspondents had been observing the results of the German blietzkrieg on Poland. On this evening the head of the German Propaganda Bureau had assigned as Mr. SHIRER'S roommate, PHILIP JOHNSON, whom he described as an "American Fascist" who claims to represent FR. COUGHLIN's Social Justice. He stated that none of the correspondents liked JOHNSON. He further related that JOHNSON had been sounding him at for about an hour by expressing anti-Nazi statements, but all he got from Mr. SHIRER was a few grunts.

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U N D E V E L O P E D L E A D S.

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION:

AT BOSTON, MASS., will place a cover on the mail of Subject at the Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Mass.

Will conduct further investigation to develop further information regarding Subject's present activities.

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Subject reported pro-Nazi by anonymous informant. Helped organize Young Nationalists, 1937. Connected with Foreign Policy Association, New York City. Called American Fascist in September, 1940, HARPER'S Magazine. Called pro-Fascist writer for American Fellowship Forum, October, 1940, FORTUNE Magazine. Called close friend of Dr. FREIDRICH ERNEST AUHAGEN, associate of LAWRENCE DENNIS, a writer of Fascist literature, and is said to have accompanied the German Army into Poland as correspondent for Father COUGHLIN's Social Justice, in Cleveland Press, October 3, 1940. Sheriff advised subject from [redacted] one-hundred percent American family, and not dangerous.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P.M. BREED, dated July 9, 1941, at Boston, Mass.

DETAILS: At Cleveland, Ohio

Under inclosure of a letter from the Bureau dated June 24, 1940, an undated

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letter from an anonymous informant was forwarded to this office stating that the subject, the son of HOMER H. JOHNSON, who is a lawyer in Cleveland, Ohio, is disloyal to the United States as he has been working for Communism "and all the other 'isms'" and has been to Europe several times for this purpose, and that when Germany conquered Norway "he jumped up and down, saying 'Hurray, hurray for the Nazis. We won!'"

Informant stated that the subject was presently at the family's summer home in New London, Ohio, but that he intends going to Germany about June 1st. The informant also stated that the subject's mother, father, and sister are good citizens of the United States, that the sister is helping the refugees in France and Belgium, but that the subject is "mesmerized by this evil that is trying to overpower the good in the world. His people feel very bad, but cannot say anything."

Detective Sergeant EDWARD R. MERKER, Toledo Police Department, by letter dated September 17, 1941, Cleveland File No. 100-3240-2, inclosed a list of members of the Young Nationalists which reflects the name of the subject, address, New London, Ohio. MERKER stated that the organization was formed at a public meeting held at Toledo, Ohio, on January 10, 1937, by PHILIP JOHNSON and another, and that most of the members of the German American Bund joined it. He said the organization collapsed in 1938 or 1939.

From a confidential source, it was learned that the subject is connected with the Foreign Policy Association in New York City. The following articles appeared in the Cleveland Press.

September 9, 1940

MAGAZINE WRONG ON
CLEVELANDER'S HISTORY

Charging that he is a "Fascist intellectual," the current Harper's Magazine erroneously described Philip Johnson, 34-year old son of Homer H. Johnson, prominent Cleveland attorney, as belonging to "the Johnson & Johnson medical supplies manufacturing family."

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In an article titled "The American Fascists," Dale Kramer asserts young Johnson "with a young friend named Alan Blackburn joined first Huey Long and then Father Coughlin in an endeavor to serve as brain-truster, and last fall he accompanied the German army into Poland as correspondent for 'Social Justice!"

Now, the article says, he and Lawrence Dennis, who "admits he would not turn down a call to power," are planning to publish a magazine "in line with their views." Johnson now makes his home in New York.

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October 3, 1940

SOCIALITE CALLED

NAZI APOLOGIST

Fortune Magazine in its October issue asserts that Philip Johnson, socialite son of Homer H. Johnson, prominent Cleveland attorney, is a "pro-Fascist" author of articles in a publication which the magazine asserts is used as an apologist for Nazism.

In an article titled, "The War of Nerves; U.S. Front," Fortune discusses individuals and organizations connected with Nazi propaganda, naming The American Fellowship Forum, for whose official organ Mr. Johnson has written.

Founders of the Forum were Dr. Friedrich H. Auhagen, a naturalized German, and George Sylvester Viereck, well known German propagandist. Dr. Auhagen was arrested yesterday is Los Angeles for questioning by Dies Committee investigators seeking information about Nazi organization in this country.

Reached in Cambridge, Mass., today, Mr. Johnson said he had not yet seen Fortune's article, but categorically denied being active in the American Fellowship Forum or a friend of Dr. Auhagen.

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AMONG FRIENDS

By Ben Williamson

NEWS NOTE: Dr. Friedrich Ernest Auhagen, educator, lecturer, writer, and slick Nazi propagandist, is arrested in Los Angeles for attempting to flee to Germany, via Japan, while under Dies Committee subpena.

BACKGROUND: Auhagen is a tall andhandsome and curly-haired Hanoverian, veteran of the kaiser's army, a suave and glib intellectual whose job for Adolf the Scholar has been to instill respect for Nazism among America's "better people."

He has done very well at it over the last five or six years - particularly in Cleveland. He has succeeded in several visits in in gratiating himself with some of the Inverness cape opera crowd, the deep-thinking socialites who envision Red menaces under their bed springs and some of the scion set who chant that we'd be able to do business with Adolf's empire as well as we have with Britain's.

Auhagen got himself into some of our fanciest country estates and before some of our better-dressed lecture listeners with his subtle appeal to "realism and American self-interest."

Auhagen got around. He lectured at Colorado College of Education. He taught German at Columbia University. He got himself before Foreign Policy Association meetings. He broadcast on "Town Hall of the Air."

Auhagen's first appearance here was in 1936 as an open defender of the Nazi way of life in a City Club debate with Gerhard Seger, who had been exiled after a six-month bit in a Gestapo concentration camp. The City Club listeners recall the erudite professor as a smoothie on his feet as well as in appearance.

Auhagen's foremost pal here was Philip Johnson, a well-traveled, well-educated goldenspooner whose social position (his father is one of the town's highly successful corporation lawyers) gave the patriotic professor entry into some of our best and most realistic rumpus rooms.

Young Johnson, who is quite a fellow at modern architecting, Italian art criticizing and gentleman-farming (at New London), was a contributor to Auhagen's magazine. (Johnson's pamphleteering experience includes praiseful penning for the late Huey Long and a few contributions to Father Coughlin's Social Justice.)

Johnson wrote "realistic" pieces from Paris and Berline for Auhagen's Today's Challenge, and contributed one from the US. front to the effect that the trouble with this country is that its high-minded rich people aren't having babies often enough. It was pretty thin racial stuff along the Goebbels lines.

Johnson and Lawrence Dennis, who makes no effort to conceal his Hitleresque leanings, got around Cleveland in behalf of Auhagen's American Fellowship Forum. As lately as February, Auhagen was boasting this outfit had grown from a local New York organization into a national one. He listed Cleveland as one of its chapters.

COMMENT: We just thought you'd like to know.

Sheriff JESSE W. MELLOTT, Norwalk, Ohio, advised the writer telephonically that the subject "is harmless - just has a lot of money and nothing to do but travel around and spend, being a nuisance to himself and everyone else." He said that his family are very respectable citizens, wealthy, and one-hundred percent American, and that they are quite annoyed by their son's peculiarities. The Sheriff also informed that the subject is mentioned in HITLER'S "Book" and that apparently

HITLER thought very highly of him. He added that JOHNSON is now somewhere in Connecticut.

It should be noted that a perusal by the writer of an unabridged edition, consisting of two volumes, of Mein Kamp failed to reveal any mention of subject.

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The confidential source mentioned in this report is LIEUTENANT JOSEPH DASHER, Military Intelligence Reserve.

December 1, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: PHILIP JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your investigative attention two copies of a communication dated October 31, 1941, received at the Bureau from the Military Intelligence Division under cover letter dated November 13, 1941, concerning the captioned subject. (S-1)(A)(M)

It is the desire of the Bureau that you institute a discreet, preliminary investigation in order to ascertain whether the subject possesses any sympathies inimical to the best interests of this Government. This case should be assigned to an Agent of your office and circumspection should be exercised in all phases of the investigation.

It has not been possible to identify the subject with individuals of the same name concerning whom data are available in the files of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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January 12, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: PHILIP JOHNSON
Internal Security - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 1, 1941, transmitting copies of a communication from Military Intelligence and requesting that an investigation be instituted in connection with the above entitled case, Bureau File No. 40-13590.

Please be advised that the subject is identical with the subject of a case in which the Boston Field Division is the office of origin, entitled PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON, alias PHILLIP JOHNSON, Internal Security - G, and in which there is an outstanding lead for this office to investigate the subject's subversive activities.

This lead has been covered and is being reported.

Very truly yours,

L. V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: PHILIP O JOHNSON;
Internal Security - G
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Dear Sir:

This office has in its possession one copy of the magazine "Today's Challenge" which was edited by the American Fellowship Forum under Dr. Fritz Kuhagen who is presently in prison for violation of the Registration Act.

It is requested that the Bureau furnish this office photostatic copies of all articles written by PHILIP JOHNSON for the magazine "Today's Challenge", since it is contemplated interviewing JOHNSON in the near future.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson

V. W. PETERSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Boston, Massachusetts

RE: PHILIP JOHNSON;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of February 3, 1942, requesting copies of all articles written by the subject for the magazine "Today's Challenge", you are advised that the Bureau does not possess a complete file on this newspaper. Efforts have been made to secure copies of the publication from the Library of Congress, but it was found that the Library of Congress file on "Today's Challenge" is incomplete.

It is suggested that an undeveloped lead be set out for the New York Field Division to attempt to locate a complete file on this publication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON, alias Phillip Johnson	INTERNAL SECURITY - G

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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A typewritten excerpt of statement in the "Berlin Diary" referring to Phillip Johnson received from an anonymous source who stated that this individual is believed to be enrolled at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. From a confidential source it was learned that Subject has no communications of any kind with any persons of German descent; on the contrary, it was learned that he had made a donation to the Associated Jewish Philanthropies in Boston. Mrs. [redacted] RAABE visited the Boston Field Division, repeating information previously given by her to agents and further advising that Subject has considerable funds and has been entertaining to quite an extent. Bureau advises that information in the files under the name of Phillip Johnson reveals that this individual has a number of German friends and has expressed strong interest in the Nazi form of Government. Also reported to have been associated with LAWRENCE DENNIS, JOSEPH E. McWILLIAMS and FREDERICK E. AUHAGEN. Subject began employment in the latter part of January with the Office of Facts and Figures in Washington, D. C.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. A. BRENNAN, Boston, Mass. dated December 6, 1941.

DETAILS: On December 9, 1941 a typewritten excerpt from William Shirer's "Berlin Diary" referring to Phillip Johnson was received at the Boston Office from an anonymous source.

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Added to the excerpt was a statement to the effect that it was believed that the above Phillip Johnson was enrolled at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and further stated that he was believed to be talking very freely on the subject of his convictions and views.

On December 13, 1941 Mrs. SALLY RAABE, 2 Prescott Street, Cambridge, Mass., Secretary at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, visited the Boston Field Division and was interviewed by Special Agent R. W. DAESHNER. Mrs. Raabe gave substantially the same information that she had previously given to reporting agent and also Special Agent R. A. PITTMAN on a previous occasion. She also advised that Johnson was connected with the Civilian Defense for Boston and Cambridge, and further intimated that Subject apparently has considerable funds and does a great deal of entertaining.

From a confidential source it was learned that there was no correspondence or other material showing any contact with persons of German names or tendencies in Subject's apartment at the Hotel Continental. On the contrary, it was stated that Johnson had in his possession a letter dated November 16, 1941 signed by Mr. LOUIS KIRSTEIN, President of William Filene Sons Company of Boston in his capacity as President of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies. In this letter Mr. Kirstein adknowledged a donation of a noted amount for the Associated Charities and stated that he further appreciated the reasons given by Johnson for his contribution. These were enumerated by Mr. Kirstein as follows:

1. Inherent worth of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies cause;
2. His statements regarding Mrs. Roosevelt
3. Johnson's admiration for Mr. Kirstein's son, LOUIS, Jr.

It was further stated that Subject had a bank book indicating an account at the Cambridge Trust Company, Cambridge, Mass.

On January 29, 1942 the Bureau transmitted to the Boston Field Division a copy of a letter received from the Acting Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation of the Department of State in reply to an original communication from the Bureau requesting information concerning Phillip Johnson. The State Department advised that it was unable to identify a Phillip Johnson whose passport was issued in 1937 and renewed on June 2, 1939, as the individual mentioned in Mr. Shirer's book. The State Department records showed that Phillip Johnson stated in his original application for passport that he intended to leave New York on the S.S. Columbus for travel in Germany and elsewhere in Europe. Johnson's temporary address at that time was 194 East End Avenue, New York City. It further appeared

that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 8, 1906.

The Bureau also forwarded a summary of information in its files under the name of Phillip Johnson. Included in the files was information given by one [redacted], who had been brought to the Bureau on May 23, 1940 by Mr. DICK TAYLOR, an attorney in the Anti-Trust Division. This informant was stated to have various German friends whose sympathies apparently lay within the German form of Government. He was also reported to have expressed his interest in the coming revolution and had stated that things will be different "when the revolution comes." A close friend of this Johnson is reputed to be LAWRENCE DENNIS and Johnson was also supposed to have formed in 1933 an organization known as the Gray Shirts. This individual further advised that one RUTH MERRILL, now an executive with the Ladies Home Journal, RKO Building, Radio City, was formerly a secretary to Johnson. It was stated that she was in a position to obtain additional names of persons who have been associated with Johnson. The latter's income was reported as approximately $5,000 a month. b7D

The Bureau files also reflected a communication from the New York Field Division under date of August 17, 1940 which stated that a confidential informant of that office had advised that Lawrence Dennis had long been identified with the Nazi-Fascist cause and that he had been closely associated with "such prominent Nazis here and abroad" as Phillip Johnson, JOSEPH E. McWILLIAMS and FREDERICK E. AUHAGEN, among others. The Bureau files further revealed that Phillip Johnson, whose address, 751 Third Avenue, New York City, was identical with the address given by [redacted], mentioned previously, was the closest associate of Lawrence Dennis who has been extensively investigated by the Bureau in a registration act case. b7D

It was reported that Johnson has been a visitor to Germany practically every summer since the rise of Hitler and was said to be a rabid Hitlerite.

Upon being telephonically contacted, Mr. Chauncey Depew Steele, Jr., Manager of the Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Mass., advised that Phillip Johnson had checked out of the hotel in the latter part of January and had gone to Washington where he was going into the employ of the Office of Facts and Figures, probably as a German translator.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Will, before conducting any further investigation, await instructions from the Bureau as to whether investigation of Subject is to be continued, in view of the fact that he is now employed by the Office of Facts and Figures.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

The confidential source mentioned within report was a thorough examination of Subject's apartment at the Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Massachusetts, made by reporting agent accompanied by Manager CHAUNCEY DEPEW STEELE of the Hotel Continental.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2344
Boston, Massachusetts

March 5, 1942

Letter to Baxter
cc- W.F.O.
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON,
alias Phillip Johnson
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of January 29, 1942 in the above captioned case in which the Boston Field Division was requested to ascertain whether the subject of this case was identical with individuals of the same name concerning whom information appears in the Bureau files. Information was also sought as to whether Subject was presently engaged in any un-American activities.

Reference is further made to the report of Special Agent J. A. BRENNAN at Boston, Mass., dated December 8, 1941 which disclosed that Mr. GEORGE H. EDGELL of the Harvard University Museum advised Special Agent in Charge V. W. PETERSON that WILLIAM L. SHIRER, the author of "Berlin Diary" had stated that Phillip Johnson, the subject of this case, attending the Harvard Graduate School of Design, was identical with the Phillip Johnson mentioned in his book.

Reference was made to the report of Special Agent P. M. BREED, Boston, Mass., dated July 9, 1941 which disclosed that information at the Harvard Graduate School of Design disclosed that Subject was born in New London, Ohio, July 8, 1906. It is to be noted that Subject's birthdate is identical with that given by the individual of the same name who, in 1937, obtained a passport for travel in Germany and elsewhere in Europe. The place of birth on the Harvard records is given as New London, Ohio, while apparently, the State Department records indicate Cleveland, Ohio as his place of birth. However, the latter records also disclose that in 1937 he considered a residence in New London, Ohio as his permanent residence.

With reference to Subject's current activities of an un-American nature, recent investigation contained in the report of

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Special Agent J. A. BRENNAN, noted above, failed to disclose any present activities on his part. Examination of Subject's apartment at the Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Mass., as revealed in the report of Special Agent J. A. Brennan dated March 5, 1942 failed to disclose any evidence of Nazi activities or any communications from individuals of German descent. It was further noted in that examination that Subject had received a letter of acknowledgement from the head of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies in Boston for a donation which he had made to this organization.

In view of the fact that no evidence of Subject's present activities in behalf of the Nazis was uncovered and inview of the fact that various individuals recently contacted expressed a belief that Subject had reformed, it had been the intention of this office to interview Subject at the Boston Field Division. Because of the considerable information received from many sources indicating Subject's past activities and association with individuals of Nazi tendencies and in view of his visit to Germany as recently as 1939 as reported in the "Berlin Diary" it was intended to vigorously question Subject to explain these activities and associations in order, possibly, to develop further information concerning his activities which might be known. In the event that Subject satisfactorily explained his past activities and associations and reformed, it was planned to attempt to make Phillip Johnson a confidential informant in the belief that he would have some knowledge of Nazi figures in the United States.

According to recent information as contained in the report of Special Agent J. A. BRENNAN dated March 5, 1942, Subject is presently connected with the office of Facts and Figures, Washington, D. C. In view of this connection with another branch of the government, the Bureau is requested to advise whether this case should be closed or whether investigation is to be continued. In the event the Bureau desires investigation completed and desires Subject interviewed in the manner mentioned above, a copy of this letter has been designated for the Washington Field Division, which would undoubtedly conduct this interview, and in view of Subject's residence within its jurisdiction. Copies of pertinent serials will be forwarded to the Washington Field Division in the event the Bureau so wishes.

Very truly yours,

V. W. Peterson

V. W. PETERSON
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: New York
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Special Agent in Charge
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON,
also known as Phillip Johnson,
Office of Facts and Figures.
INTERNAL SECURITY - HATCH ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 5, 1942, in the case entitled "Philip Cortelyan Johnson, alias Phillip Johnson, Internal Security - C," copies of which were designated for the information of the New York, Cleveland and Washington Field Offices. As shown therein, Mr. Johnson is reported to be presently employed in Washington, D. C., by the Office of Facts and Figures.

Pursuant to your suggestion, you are instructed to forward one copy each of all reports and correspondence prepared in the Internal Security case to the Washington Field Office which thereafter will incorporate the same into an investigative report to be captioned as shown in this communication.

Your office as origin for the Internal Security case is responsible for seeing that all work outstanding in auxiliary field offices is completed promptly and that all pertinent information developed is made available to the Washington Field Division.

The Washington Field Office should make no effort to interview Mr. Johnson under oath until all material is received from the Boston Field Division and auxiliary offices.

You are directed to give this personal and preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Washington Field

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON, INTERNAL SECURITY - G. WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE IN CHECK OF USUAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION UNABLE TO VERIFY SUBJECT'S EMPLOYMENT BY OFFICE OF FACTS AND FIGURES. RECONTACT INFORMANT LISTED REPORT SA J. A. BRENNAN DATED MARCH FIFTH AND SUBMIT BY TELETYPE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING IF JOHNSON EMPLOYEE ANY BRANCH OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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cc-Washington Field

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. D. M. LADD

Re: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to the Boston Field Office dated April 24, 1942, (Bureau file 100-327341).

In response to a telephone call from Supervisor GALEN WILLIS of the Bureau, Special Agent R. F. RYAN requested Miss ROSE ALLEGRETTA, of the Government Information Service, to ascertain whether JOHNSON was employed by the Office of Facts and Figures. Miss ALLEGRETTA informed that there is no record of JOHNSON as an employee with the Office of Facts and Figures and no record of his being an employee in any Government agency.

Very truly yours,

S. K. McKee
S. K. McKEE
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON,
also known as Phillip Johnson.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter dated April 22, 1942, in the above-captioned case which was submitted to your office under an Internal Security, Hatch Act, classification, requesting that you, as origin for this investigation, forward to the Washington Field Division one copy each of all reports and pertinent correspondence in order that the same might be incorporated into one comprehensive report under the provisions of Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress.

Further reference is made to the Bureau's teletype dated April 24, 1942, advising that the Washington Field Office, in a check of all available sources of information, had been unable to verify the original information that Mr. Johnson was presently employed by the Office of Facts and Figures in Washington, D. C. The inquiry as made failed to develop any indication that Mr. Johnson was employed by any branch of the Federal Government.

As you advised the Bureau by telephone on April 27, 1942, that the original information obtained from Mr. Chauncey Depew Steele, Jr., of Cambridge, Massachusetts, was without foundation, no further consideration should be given to this case under an Internal Security, Hatch Act, classification.

Should you obtain any future indication that Mr. Johnson is employed by the Government, the Bureau should be promptly advised in order that consideration may be given to instituting an inquiry under the Congressional mandate referred to above.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Washington Field

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON,
also known as Phillip Johnson.
INTERNAL SECURITY.

Reference is made to the memorandum of Mr. Willis addressed to you on April 26, 1942, concerning comments noted on the broadcast of Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen on that date. As shown therein, it was stated that Father Coughlin would be summoned to Washington where he would be questioned regarding his relationship with the above-captioned subject and Allen Blackburn.

The Boston Field Division, as origin for the investigation of Philip Johnson, has informed that Johnson is reportedly employed in Washington, D. C., by the Office of Facts and Figures. On Friday, April 24, 1942, the Washington Field Office, in a check of all available sources of information, was unable to verify this in any manner.

In view of the publicity being given Mr. Johnson and in order that an investigation might proceed against him under the provisions of Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress, should he actually be a Government employee, Agent Willis, of this Section, telephonically contacted SAC Madigan, of the Boston Office, on April 27, 1942, to determine whether the source from which the original information was received was able to definitely state that Johnson was, in fact, employed in Washington. It is noted the Boston Field Division was requested by teletype on April 24, 1942, to furnish this information.

Mr. Madigan advised by telephone that Mr. Chauncey Depew Steele, Jr., Manager of the Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Massachusetts, the informant, had been reinterviewed on April 27, 1942 and was unable to furnish any additional material tending to establish that Mr. Johnson was employed by the Government. Mr. Steele, it is reported, gathered this impression when Mr. Johnson checked out of the Hotel Continental and made a passing remark he was going to Washington to seek employment. Mr. Madigan advised that from inquiry made it appears Philip Johnson is presently enrolled at Harvard University, taking an architectural course.

ACTION TAKEN

As Mr. Johnson is not a Federal employee, no further action is being taken concerning him under an Internal Security, Hatch Act, classification

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and this is being referred to the Internal Security Section in order that the investigation of Johnson in the case entitled "Philip Cortelyan Johnson, Internal Security - G," may continue in that file. The Boston and Washington Field Offices are being instructed by letter to discontinue their investigation of Mr. Johnson in so far as the Hatch Act is concerned.

As you were advised in Mr. Willis' referenced memorandum, Mr. James Rowe, Jr., of the Department, has submitted information concerning Johnson which is similar in all respects to that already developed by the Bureau's investigation. However, in order that Mr. Rowe may be fully advised as to Mr. Johnson's background, there is currently being prepared a memorandum of summary information which will be furnished to him within the next day or so.

Respectfully,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNNINGHAM

RE: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
HATCH ACT

At the request of Mr. McGee, of the Federal Employees Section, I contacted Mr. Richard Quay, Assistant Liaison Officer of the Coordinator of Information, and requested that he check the personnel record of that organization to determine if Johnson was presently employed. He advised in the negative as to the personnel records but suggested that I contact Mr. Huntington, who maintained record of all persons in foreign service. Mr. Huntington also advised that they had no record of this person being presently employed.

Action:

Mr. McGee was advised telephonically to the above effect. It is suggested that this matter be directed to the Federal Employees Section.

Respectfully,

W. S. Crawford

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Informant advises subject was close friend of LAWRENCE DENNIS, American Fascist and a frequent caller at his home. Had no further information.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau to Miss B. S. Weller, New York City, dated April 7, 1942.

DETAILS: The investigation in this case is predicated upon the following letter sent by Informant to the Bureau:

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New York City
Feb. 19, 1942

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

" While the inclosed picture of Mr. Johnson, is old, it may be useful. Since that was published he has gone to Boston and the last I knew, he was austensibly studying Architecture at Harvard.

" I do not know him well, personally, but I do know he was strongly in favor of a dictatorship.

" A very great many of his friends about three years ago were German.

" A wealthy Mr. Dwyer of Newport, R.I. is also like Mr. Lindberg believing that a chance of type of Gov't

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"might be beneficial to some in U.S.A. who feel that the majority do not know what they want & shouldn't get it unless belonging to their 'cleik' if given a chance. They may be holding the plans they had in abayance till the War is over. Plans there were.

" Next, is Dorothy Waring of Park Ave. New York, on your staff. I reported an idea that was hatched in New York City to colonize Alaska with German refugees. Later I was told Miss Waring questioned the person telling me about the colonizing scheme, & was told she was F.B.I. If she is O.K. If not - there a question mark for her.

" I met her first at a dinner of the Roland Society. Later I met her helping in the german section, to elect Senator Maguire.

" I saw her at a number of the Rolan Society's social affairs. She never was taking part, but just sat with her German escort & watched. Later the society was a hot bed pro & con - the Bund being the issue.

" The last I knew of her, she married her escort. I didn't think much about it till recently. I asked Stanley High about it. He had forgotten her but said he'd look it up the next time he went to Washington.

" I believe, if you pick up the Johnson trail, & some of his New York friends, you'll find a Nazi string.

Sincerely

/s/ B. S. Weller "

This letter was furnished the New York Field Division with reference letter of April 7, 1942. Miss WELLER advised that she is presently occupied in lecturing on international affairs. She advised that she has known LAWRENCE DENNIS whom she referred to as the brains behind the American First movement for a long time. She stated that she frequently called at DENNIS' home and on numerous occasions met the subject there. Miss WELLER has known DENNIS since 1919 when he was in the United States Army. She stated that she was at that time acting as an entertainer for the Army in France and that her father was a United States Congressman from Iowa. She further advised that she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Informant stated that on one occasion she attended a tea where only German was spoken. This was at JOHNSON's home in 1937 and DENNIS was a

guest. The Informant feels that it is queer that the subject should be attending Harvard University at the present time since he is a middle-aged man. She feels also that Harvard University is a center for Fascism in America. Although Miss WELLER was present several times when the subject called upon DENNIS, she was never given the opportunity to talk with him. She stated also that she does not know whether or not JOHNSON collaborated on DENNIS' book, "The Coming American Fascism", but knows that he was with DENNIS a lot at that time. She advised also that JOHNSON had many German friends when she knew him.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted by the New York Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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May 11, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: PHILIP JOHNSON
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Miss WELLER dated April 7, 1942 whereby a letter by Miss B. S. WELLER, Town Hall Club, 123 West 43rd Street, New York City was enclosed. In that letter the Informant stated that DOROTHY WARING of Park Avenue, New York City was reputedly a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent .

61-7587-100

The Informant stated that she met this woman at a dinner of the Roland Society and also later came in contact with her in a New York political campaign.

The Informant was contacted on another matter and stated that it is her understanding that Miss WARING is doing some work for the Dies Committee. She stated that she is now aware of the fact that Miss WARING is not an employee of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

cc NY File 100-22135

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JAMES ROWE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 18, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER.

Philip O Johnson

I was told in confidence last night that a man named Philip Johnson is now working for Colonel Donovan's office, the Coordinator of Information. My informant indicated that this may not be the correct Government agency, but that he is working somewhere in Washington. Philip Johnson is in his late thirties. He is independently wealthy. He attended Harvard about 1928, but spent half of each year abroad, I think in Italy.

Johnson has always been a professed "intellectual Fascist". When Huey Long was at the height of his power Johnson occupied a room in the Mayflower next to Long's headquarters and professed to be Long's "brain truster". He is supposed to be intimately acquainted with Lawrence Dennis, the native Fascist leader, with Gerald L. K. Smith, Father Coughlin and others. He is also supposed to have extensive connections with Germany and Italy.

Since Pearl Harbor I understand he professed that he has changed his mind.

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I can think of no more dangerous man to have working in an agency which possesses so many military secrets as the office of the Coordinator of Information.

Could you let me know if Johnson is actually on Colonel Donovan's staff, and if not whether he is working in any other Government agency. He should be investigated.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES ROWE, JR.
ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 18, 1942, advising of information you received in confidence concerning Mr. Philip Johnson who is reportedly employed in the Office of Coordinator of Information, Washington, D. C. It is noted from your memorandum Mr. Johnson is a professed "intellectual Fascist" and is thought to be intimately acquainted with Lawrence Dennis, Gerald L. K. Smith and Father Coughlin; further, you request to be advised if Mr. Johnson is an employee of the Federal Government at the present time.

For your information, an inquiry conducted by the Washington Field Office of this Bureau on April 24, 1942, has failed to reveal any indication that Mr. Johnson is employed by any branch of the Government. It has been reported by the Boston, Massachusetts, Field Office that he is known to be presently enrolled at Harvard University taking an architectural course.

As numerous references appear in the files of this Bureau concerning Mr. Philip Johnson, there is attached hereto one copy of a memorandum dated April 28, 1942, which sets forth all pertinent data with respect to this person whose full name is Philip Cortelyou Johnson.

Per your confidential information, a current investigation is being made with respect to Mr. Johnson to more fully develop his background and to ascertain if he may be engaged in activities inimical to the best interests of this Government.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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A book published by the Harvard Class of 1927 for their tenth anniversary, set forth the following autobiography furnished by Philip Johnson:

"On leaving Harvard in 1930 I spent a great deal of time in Europe. I studied architecture as an amateur and later got a job as the head of the Architectural Department of the Museum of Modern Arts. In 1934 I resigned from the Museum and worked with Huey Long and Alan Blackburn, '29 in Washington. In 1936 I ran for State Representative in Ohio and worked with Father Coughlin and Blackburn. Blackburn and I are now independent politically and active in our own organization, 'Youth and the Nation', which sponsors us in weekly broadcasts over Station WSPD." (100-32734-7)

Philip Johnson was reported to have been in Europe in the summer of 1939 at the time the European War broke out, and to have been able to obtain passage for the return trip through the efforts of an individual described as being a High ranking official in the Silver Shirt Organization in the United States. This person is reported to be highly regarded by high Nazi and Fascist Officials. (100-75141-2)

The State Department has a passport file for a Philip Johnson, whose passport was issued in 1937, and renewed on June 2, 1939, for the purpose of travel in Germany, and elsewhere in Europe. His temporary address at that time was 194 East End Avenue, New York City. (100-32734-6)

It was reported that in June 1939, an individual suspected of activities on behalf of the German Government left for Germany and prior to leaving received a bouquet of flowers from Heinath of the German Embassy, Washington, one Phillip Johnson and others. (65-1067-116)

On page 213 of "Berlin Diary" by William L. Shirer, he relates that on September 18, 1939, a trip was made from Berlin to the Polish Corridor, and that the party stopped for the night at Soppot near Danzig. The pertinent paragraph follows:

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"Dr. Boehmer, Press Chief of the Propaganda Ministry in charge of this trip, insisted that I share a double room in the hotel here with Philip Johnson, an American Fascist, who says he represents Father Coughlin's Social Justice. None of us can stand the fellow and suspect he is spying on us for the Nazis. For the last hour in our room here he has been posing as anti-Nazi and trying to pump me for my attitude. I have given him no more than a few bored grunts." (100-32734-2X1)

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It is reported that Philip Johnson has been closely associated with Lawrence Dennis. Dennis in turn is reported to have been very friendly with Dr. Friedrich Auhagen, convicted German propagandist and with Manfred Zapp. A letter dated October 21, 1939, to Philip Johnson from Dennis, is as follows:

"420 Warwick Avenue,
West Englewood, N. J.
October 21, 1939

"Dear Philip:-

"I enclose a letter from Paul and my reply. I don't send on his ms. largely from my stuff, as you already saw much of it, though it is now greatly improved due to my second re-write. It still lacks oomph, because you cannot write good pamphlets objectively. I think he wants to preserve anonymity, at least until the thing has got a respectable following. Well that could be arranged. We could write most of the first drafts, let him edit and tone it down, and then circulate it under any formula considered practical and expedient. I am convinced we could rapidly build up a following if the stuff provided the isolationists with an armory of ideological weapons. By following, in this connection, I merely mean readers who would accept our lines and soon will be dishing it out as their own. This sort of job, however, can be well done only by a group in harmony. It must be definite and affirmative and give the readers something to believe and a pat theory of what is happening. People want certainty and they cannot get it from supposedly objective writings. What makes Dorothy Thompson a mighty influence is mainly her certainty and passion. Hundreds of newspaper journeymen would write just as well if only they espoused passionately some affirmative thesis, like that of getting us into war.

"I think getting out a book by Marsh or just before we go to war a major must.

"I have been playing along with Palmer feeling that the longer he remains idle and unadjusted the stronger will be his urge to do something. Bitter experience is going to drive him to us, I calculate. He must do something.

"As soon as you get back, we should go down to see him. As I say in my letter to Palmer I have an introduction to Senator Reynolds from a V. P. of the Manufacturers Trust who is one of my subscribers. I think our strategy should be to turn out something which could be read and used by men like Senator Reynolds, Bennet Clark, Vandenburgh, Lindbergh, etc. Writing for a small influential public and having no organization of dumbbells to embarrass us, we might be able to go on right through a war, by observing a little caution and inuendo. The Week from London has been going and succeeding for six years by writing intelligent and informed interpretation of foreign affairs, but always

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true to the Moscow line, without, of course, overtly indicating the line. The most indicative fact about the Week since the Moscow-Berlin hook-up is that whereas they formerly panned the Nazis, now they say nary an unfavorable word against Berlin but they subtly undermine England. This consistency with some theory, even though the theory may change, gives intelligibility to writing and interpretation. We must have that. That is the one thing we can give which the reader can't get outside the communist writings.

Regards from us all," (97-218-94)

A program for a meeting sponsored by the Springfield Branch of the American Fellowship Forum scheduled for January 26, 1940, in the Auditorium of the Springfield Turn Verein, Springfield, Massachusetts, lists Philip Johnsen as the main speaker of the evening, his topic being "America and the War." The program indicates that Friedrich E. Auhagen, Director of the American Fellowship Forum and Editor of "Today's Challenge", was also a speaker. The following appears on the program concerning Johnsen:

> "Mr. Johnsen is well equipped to answer these questions. He belongs to that courageous minority of Americans which insists that America's foreign policy should at all times be guided by America's true interests. Moreover, during the three months preceding the war, Mr. Johnsen visited England, France, Poland, and toured the Balkans as far south as Turkey. The outbreak of the war found him in Munich. As correspondent of Today's Challenge, the official organ of the American Fellowship Forum, Mr. Johnsen accompanied the German army on its Polish campaign. A keen observer and a brilliant speaker, Mr. Johnsen will give you both a vivid picture and an entirely new perspective of the great struggle in Europe." (61-7560-5232)

Otto Dumiller who was active in the organization of the American Fellowship Forum, Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1939 in cooperation with Dr. Fritz Auhagen and Ena Gotthelf reported that Johnsen was brought to Springfield, Massachusetts in 1940 by Ena Gotthelf. Johnsen is reported to have addressed a meeting of the American Fellowship Forum. It was said that his speech dealt entirely with criticism of the American press, and that he stated that he personally knew that American newspapers published nothing but lies concerning Germany, that the truth was never revealed. The informant stated that the impression was created with him that Auhagen, Gotthelf and Johnsen and the American Fellowship Forum were possibly employed by the Propaganda Ministry of the Nazi Government. (100-55301-2)

Concerning the meeting in Springfield, Massachusetts on January 26, 1940 an informant reported approximately 150 persons attended. This meeting was addressed by Dr. Frederic E. F. Auhagen of New York, and Philip Johnsen. Johnsen was described as an author and lecturer who had just returned from a two month trip on the continent and was

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writing for a magazine. Johnson charged that America was little more than a "British Colony". Much of his time was spent in criticising newspapers, and he said there was no truth in Germans uprising against Hitler, as Germans were not going to fall a second time for the English "line". (100-41842-3)

In February 1940, an informant mentioned that one Philip Johnson, 751-3rd Avenue, New York City, a writer for Social Justice, has been active in the Anti-Jewish Movement. Johnson was reported to be an ardent Nazi and to greet his friends with a rigid Hitler salute. He is alleged to have given $50 to Peter Stahrenberg of the Nationalist Press Association, 206-East 12th Street, New York City, for propaganda purposes. Johnson is supposed to receive an income from an extremely wealthy sister who is said to own a well known hotel in France. (61-7850-32)

A confidential informant reported that on April 29, 1940, Philip Johnson, Lawrence Dennis, and others attended a meeting of a group which met weekly, the meeting being held in a small Italian restaurant in New York City. The informant stated that Dennis proclaims himself as a Revolutionist, and subscribes to the National Socialist way of life. (61-9879-1)

In May 1940, it was reported that Philip Johnson, 751-3rd Avenue, rear, New York City, was alleged to be engaged in Nazi activities in New York City. He was described as the son of a prominent citizen who formerly lived at Cleveland, Ohio. He was said to have had various German friends who had evidenced a strong interest in Nazi form of Government. Johnson was reported to have been graduated from Harvard in 1938; to have an excellent command of the German language; to be highly excitable and according to the informant to be a homosexual. Johnson was said to be interested in modern architecture, and to have sponsored the International Architectural Exhibits which were held in this country. The informant stated that in his conversations since 1932 Johnson has expressed his interest in the coming revolution and has stated that things will be different "when the revolution comes". This source advised that Johnson is a close friend of Lawrence Dennis, and that Johnson formed an organization known as the Gray Shirts in 1934. (100-32734-X)

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It was reported in June 1940 by the Office of Naval Intelligence that one Philip Johnson is pro-Nazi and suspected of being a spy; that he was in Germany at the time of the Polish invasion; that he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and presently receives a good income from stocks which he inherited. He is reported as having close association with the late Huey Long, Gerald Smith, and Father Coughlin. (100-32734-X2) (100-32734-5)

It was anonymously reported in June 1940 that Philip Johnson, the son of Homer H. Johnson, a Cleveland attorney, had for years been working for communism and all the other "isms", and had made several

trips to Europe for this purpose. It was said that when Germany conquered Norway Johnson jumped up and down saying, "Hurrah, Hurrah for the Nazis. We won". His relatives were reported to be good citizens of the United States and to feel very badly over Johnson's activities. (100-32734-X1)

A confidential informant reported in June 1940 that Lawrence Dennis has as one of his closest associates one Philip Johnson who has visited Germany practically every summer since the rise of Hitler, and is a rabid Hitlerite. Johnson's address was given as 751-3rd Avenue, New York City. (97-218-7)

In July of 1940 a confidential informant advised that Philip Johnson is the son of a wealthy Cleveland lawyer, and has been very active politically for many years. He has been closely identified with the political activities of the late Huey P. Long and the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, is an avowed Nazi and has travelled extensively in the Third Reich. He is well known and trusted in German official circles and practically every summer he has gone to Germany to visit. He was a guest of the German Army staff during the war in Poland and has inspected the Seigfried Line.

This informant related that Johnson has written as a correspondent for the magazine, "Social Justice" while in Europe and has directed political campaigns for Representative Martin Sweeney of Ohio, in whose district Johnson maintains a large estate. He is a consistent apologist and propagandist for Hitler. He writes for various magazines and lectures considerably. One of the magazines he has written for is the magazine entitled, "Today's Challenge", the official magazine of the American Fellowship Forum. Johnson has delivered tirades against the British at meetings of this allegedly pro-Nazi American Fellowship Forum. He has lectured without fee for the W.P.A. but was released because of his anti-Semitic-pro-Nazi discourses.

The informant advised further that several months earlier Johnson planned to go to Germany as a war correspondent for the magazine "Forum" but nothing came of these plans. His home has been the weekly meeting place of active Nazi propagandists who discuss the course being taken by Germany in the war. Johnson has contributed financially to the upkeep of Joseph E. McWilliams of the Christian Mobilizers. He has very good social connections with persons of wealth and position and spreads his Nazi doctrines to these people. Informant described him as about 40 years old; 5' 6" tall; weighing 150 lbs; Hair, grayish and trim; Complexion, fair. His alleged occupation is that of a broker and he is said to be wealthy and independent. He is a University graduate. (61-9879-22)

In August 1940 a resident of New York City who said that he had known Philip Johnson, 751-3rd Avenue, New York City, for several years, observed that Johnson's apartment was filled with many books, apparently dealing with Nazism, Communism, Fascism and various other doctrines being preached throughout Europe. Among the various books

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in Johnson's apartment were the following:

"I KNEW HITLER," by LUDECKE
"LENIN," by LEON TROTSKY
"SIGNALE DER NEUEN ZEIT," by DR. GOEBBELS
"GERMANY'S THIRD EMPIRE," by MOELLER VON DER BRUCK
"HANDBACH DER FUDENTRAGE," by T. H. FRITSCH
"WHAT MARX REALLY MEANT," by G. D. H. COLE
"SOLDANTENDIENST INNEUNENREICH," by KURT HESSE
"AUTARKIE," by FERDINAND FRIED
"AMERIKA UND WIR," by ERNEST JACKH
FATHER COUGHLIN'S "RADIO DISCOURSES"
SOMBART'S "DREINATIONAL OKONOMIEN"
CHAPPELLE'S "WHILE ENGLAND SLEPT"
PAUL KRANONHAL'S "DAS ORGANFSCHE WELTBILD"
A set of books, "THE DYNAMICS OF WAR AND REVOLUTION," by LAWRENCE DENNIS
"EIN STAHLGE-WITTERN," by ERNEST JUNGER.
"PHILOSOPHY OF FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE"

This informant related further that some five years previous Johnson had endeavored to interest the informant in joining an organization called the Gray Shirts which was described by the informant as very anti-Semitic. The informant related further that upon one occasion when he arrived at Johnson's apartment there were five visitors present all of whom appeared to be of foreign origin, mostly German, and that the meeting they appeared to be holding broke up upon the informant's arrival. Two of the men went into another room and engaged in a conversation in a foreign language which the informant could not understand. However, they later talked in English and one of them said to the other that their best system would be to include their theories in school books in such a way that the school books would be passed by the various Boards of Education and inserted in the regular curriculum. The other man replied that he could assist in the work, but not in an open way inasmuch as he had been identified on some previous occasion as having been engaged with fifth column activities.

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The informant continued by saying that Johnson appeared to be one of the few men in the United States who could go to Germany and seemingly had access to every secret the German nation possessed, being one of the few who had visited their West Wall. Johnson was reported by the informant to have been close to Huey Long. The informant advised further that he had understood that Johnson had previously been connected with the United States Navy and documents noticed in Johnson's apartment seemed to indicate that he was trying to obtain a reserve commission in the U.S. Navy. A questionnaire for the U S. Naval Research Officers' Class IV (S), was noted by the informant and contained the following information:

PHILIP JOHNSON
751 Third Avenue
New York City
Born Cleveland, Ohio, 1906.

Father - HOMER H. JOHNSON, attorney now practicing in that city
Education - Public schools, Cleveland, Ohio
Pensionnat Thudicum, Geneva, Switzerland, 1919
Hackley School, Tarrytown, New York
Graduated Harvard University in 1927 cum laude
Languages - speaks, reads and writes French and German
Travels from 1928 to 1940:
2 yrs. in Germany, 1 yr. in France; 6 mos. in England; visited besides every country in Europe except Russia, Spain and Norway.
Literary co-author of "THE INTERNATION STYLE"
Co-author "MODERN ARCHITECTS"
Editor and author "MACHINE ART"
Business and Executive Experience
Architectural Director of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, from 1930 to 1935.
Managing Director of Townsend Farms, New London, Ohio, 1935.
Have engaged generally and actively in political endeavors against subversive elements in Ohio.
During last visit to Europe accompanied German troops in the invasion of Poland as a free-lance writer.
Now lecturing on Polish experiences before American Patriotic bodies and clubs, Reserve Officers' Clubs, Military Order of the World War, and others.

The informant also observed a letter from an individual in California inquiring of Johnson the possibility of organizing a Nationalistic Party and asking if there were any present remnants of Huey Long's old party. (100-32734-X2)

From a strictly confidential source it was reported that on August 6, 1940, Von Strempel of the German Embassy arranged for a meeting with Philip Johnson of New York. (Confile 65-28688-IX3) (X)(u)

The following article appeared in the Cleveland Press, September 7, 1940:

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"MAGAZINE WRONG ON CLEVELANDER'S HISTORY"

"Charging that he is a 'Fascist intellectual', the current Harper's Magazine erroneously described Philip Johnson, 34-year old son of Homer H. Johnson, prominent Cleveland attorney, as belonging to 'the Johnson and Johnson medical supplies manufacturing family'.

"In an article titled 'The American Fascists', Dale Kramer asserts young Johnson 'with a young friend named Alan Blackburn joined first Huey Long and then Father Coughlin in an endeavor to serve as brain-truster, and last fall he accompanied the German army into Poland as correspondent for "Social Justice"!

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"Now, the article says, he and Lawrence Dennis, who 'admits he would not turn down a call to power', are planning to publish a magazine 'in line with their views'. Johnson now makes his home in New York." (100-32734-8)

In September 1940 a confidential informant reported that Lawrence Dennis, who was active in the American Fellowship Forum and whose philosophy looked to the lower classes to bring about a new world order, was himself unable to establish a real contact with the people. The informant said that Philip Johnson is much more able to make the desired type of contact with the masses. The informant said that he has heard Johnson arouse his listeners to a degree of enthusiasm where he could have led them into immediate action. (100-769-49X) (U)

From a strictly confidential source it was learned that on September 17, 1940, one Philip Johnson, attempted to contact Von Strempel at the German Embassy, and left information as to where he, Johnson, could be reached. This source also advised that on September 20, 1940, one Johnson made an appointment to meet Ulrich Von Giesmath of the German Embassy. (65-28688-1X30, 1X29) (U)

The following article appeared in the Cleveland Press, October 3, 1940:

"AMONG FRIENDS
By Don Williamson

"NEWS NOTE: Dr. Friedrich Ernest Auhagen, educator, lecturer, writer and slick Nazi propagandist, is arrested in Los Angeles for attempting to flee to Germany, via Japan, while under Dies Committee subpoena.....

"Auhagen's foremost pal here was Philip Johnson, a well-traveled, well-educated goldenspooner whose social position (his father is one of the town's highly successful corporation lawyers) gave the patriotic professor entry into some of our best and most realistic rumpus rooms.

"Young Johnson, who is quite a fellow at modern architecting, Italian art criticising and gentleman-farming (at New London), was a contributor of Auhagen's magazine. (Johnson's pamphleteering experience includes praiseful penning for the late Huey Long and a few contributions to Father Coughlin's Social Justice).

"Johnson wrote 'realistic' pieces from Paris and Berlin for Auhagen's Today's Challenge, and contributed one from the U.S. front to the effect that the trouble with this country is that its high-minded rich people aren't having babies often enough. It was pretty thin racial stuff along the Goebbels lines.

"Johnson and Lawrence Dennis, who makes no effort to conceal his Hitleresque leanings, got around Cleveland in behalf of Auhagen's American Fellowship Forum. As lately as February, Auhagen was boasting this outfit had grown from a local New York organization into a national one. He listed Cleveland as one of its chapters." (100-32734-8)

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The following article appeared in the Cleveland Press, October 3, 1940:

"SOCIALITE CALLED

NAZI APOLOGIST

"Fortune Magazine in its October issue asserts that Philip Johnson, socialite son of Homer H. Johnson, prominent Cleveland attorney, is a 'pro-Fascist' author of articles in a publication which the magazine asserts is used as an apologist for Nazism.

"In an article titled, 'The War of Nerves; U. S. Front,' Fortune discusses individuals and organizations connected with Nazi propaganda, naming The American Fellowship Forum, for whose official organ Mr. Johnson has written.

"Founders of the Forum were Dr. Friedrich E. Auhagen, a naturalized German, and George Sylvester Viereck, well known German propagandist. Dr. Auhagen was arrested yesterday in Los Angeles for questioning by Dies Committee investigators seeking information about Nazi organization in this country.

"Reached in Cambridge, Massachusetts, today, Mr. Johnson said he had not yet seen Fortune's article, but categorically denied being active in the American Fellowship Forum or a friend of Dr. Auhagen." (100-32734-8)

From a confidential source it was learned in January 1941 that Philip Cortelyan Johnson is connected with the Foreign Policy Association in New York City. (100-32734-8)

In March of 1941, a confidential informant advised that the American Fellowship Forum was founded by Dr. Frederick E. Auhagen, and that its official organ was "Today's Challenge". Philip Johnson was named as one of the contributors of articles to this magazine, other contributors being George Sylvester Viereck, Lawrence Dennis, and others. (61-9879-128)

From a confidential source in Boston, Massachusetts, it was reported in May 1941 that Philip Cortelyan Johnson, 995 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was reported to be the leader of the Young Fascists in this country, and was an associate of Huey Long and Father Coughlin. This source reported that Johnson was born in New London, Ohio, July 8, 1906, and is the son of Homer H. Johnson, Cleveland, Ohio. (100-32734-1)

A confidential source in Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised in June 1941, that Philip Johnson, 995 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts, was known in Germany and in Europe as a representative of Father Coughlin, and that while in Germany he was connected with the German Propaganda Ministry under Goebbels. (100-32734-3)

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Various allegations that Philip Johnson is a member of the Johnson family who own Johnson and Johnson Medical Supplies Company have been made. That Company denies that there is any connection between the two families. (100-32734-2X)

In July 1941 an individual in New York City, who requested that his identity not be revealed, advised that prior to Germany's occupation of France, he was in Bordeaux, France, and while there a Miss Theodate Johnson was a voluntary employee at the United States Consulate Office. Her husband, whose name was Blampah, was known to be the owner of a hotel in Belgium. In conversation with this girl the informant learned that she had a brother Philip Johnson who was apparently actively associated with the Fascists in this country, and he was known to be a friend of Lawrence Dennis.

In a recent conversation with Theodate Johnson the informant learned that her brother had a sudden thirst for architecture and had gone to Harvard University for study in this subject. Informant related further that Johnson maintains a very large radical library and is known to be a fanatic on the subjects of Nazism and Fascism. He mentioned that Johnson has always been suspected of engaging in German propaganda and is known to be very anti-Semitic in his feelings. (100-32734-5)

The Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, reported in September 1941, that an organization known as the Young Nationalists was formed at a public meeting held at Toledo, Ohio, January 10, 1937, and it was reported that the organization was formed by Philip Johnson and another, and that most of the members of the German-American Bund joined it. The organization collapsed in 1938 or 1939. Johnson's address was given as New London, Ohio. (100-32734-8)

In September 1941 an employee of the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, New York City, informed that Philip Johnson had established the architectural section of the Museum, and had been associated with the Museum since about 1930 to 1934. This informant stated that Johnson had been interested in an organization known as the Gray Shirts, and that later he had joined the Huey Long Movement. He was subsequently reported to have been identified with the Townsend Movement in Ohio. This informant related that in her opinion Johnson is not a vicious type of individual who is a danger to the community, but that he is a fanatic for social reform. He has indicated in conversations that he is dissatisfied with the present "set up" of the United States.

Another informant in New York City who was associated with Johnson in the Museum advised in September 1941 that he had been interested with Johnson in the formation of the Gray Shirts. He said the purpose of this organization was to discuss social reforms and political events; that the organization disbanded after holding a few meetings. He informed that Johnson did research work for Huey Long

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which was terminated by Long's death. Johnson later became active in the Townsend Movement in Ohio. In the latter part of 1936 Johnson became interested in Father Coughlin's Movement, had a personal interview with Father Coughlin, and thereafter became active in the movement and wrote several articles for "Social Justice". According to this informant Johnson is a patriotic individual who had not yet found the activity or political concept that he could follow. He said that Johnson is primarily a theorist and his experiences with Huey Long and the Townsend Movement were merely an effort to put some of his theories into practice.

In October 1941, William Shirer advised that he did not know much more about Johnson than appeared in "Berlin Diary". He related that he had seen an article in some magazine that Johnson was furnishing funds for a Fascist organization and was associated with Lawrence Dennis. Mr. Shirer said that the thing that impressed him in Germany was that the correspondents selected to go to the front with the Germans were a somewhat select few representing important publications in the United States, yet Johnson representing Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" was selected to go. He said that Johnson was feted by the German authorities in charge of the press correspondents and they were quite solicitous about his welfare. They treated Johnson in much the same way that they treated an individual named Lathrop Stoddard, who was the author of a pro-German book entitled "The Rising Tide of Culture". Shirer related that he did not see Johnson in Germany after the trip referred to in his book. (100-32734-5)

An individual connected with the Harvard University Museum advised in October 1941 that Philip Cortelyan Johnson was very pro-Nazi and was identified as the same individual mentioned in William Shirer's "Berlin Diary". (100-32734-7)

Military Intelligence Division reported in October 1941, that Philip Johnson, Townsend Farms, New London, Ohio, is a contributor to various publications of Lawrence Dennis. (97-218-98)

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Information was received in November 1941 that there is evidence in the art world that someone is buying German art in the United States for Hitler. The identity of this person was not definitely established, but he was believed by informant to be Philip Johnson described as an American Nazi who at one time did some work with exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art, New York City. (100-32734-4)

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In December 1941 the Sheriff at Norwalk, Ohio, advised that Philip Johnson is harmless, that he just has a lot of money with nothing to do but travel around and spend it, being a nuisance to himself and everyone else. He said that Johnson's family are respectable citizens and that they are quite annoyed by their son's peculiarities. (100-32734-8)

In December 1941 an individual connected with the Rockefeller Museum in New York City, and who has been acquainted with Johnson's family for a number of years advised that while Johnson was in college he had had three nervous breakdowns and when the informant learned

that Johnson favored the Nazi regime he, the informant, believed that this was another nervous breakdown. It was reported to the informant that when Johnson quit his architectural studies to join Huey Long he had remarked that his objective along architectural lines could only be accomplished by a change of Government. (100-32734-7)

From a strictly confidential source it was learned in December 1941 that Johnson did not possess any material showing any contact with persons of German names or tendencies. It was stated that Johnson had received a letter dated in November 1941 from Louis Kirstein, President of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies. The letter acknowledged a donation. (100-32734-12)

In December 1941 an individual connected with Harvard University and specifically the Civilian Defense Unit and who had also been associated with Johnson at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City stated that Johnson while at the Museum had on many occasions expressed his admiration for various Fascist Movements and then had suddenly one day announced that he was going to Louisiana to work for Huey Long. (100-32734-7)

An individual connected with Harvard University advised in December 1941 that Philip Cortelyan Johnson had become a member of the Harvard Unit of the Civilian Defense Organization. He had been head of the Radio Committee in connection with the program of this organization and as such was a member of the Steering Committee, the policy making group of the organization. Subsequently he had been dropped from his position as chairman, but was reportedly still engaged in Civilian Defense work.

This informant stated that there is a division of opinion among individuals at Harvard, some believing that Johnson has reformed in his attitude toward democracy and Nazism, while others feel that his present inactivity is no guide to his inner feelings on these matters. In the informant's opinion Johnson is not a seriously dangerous individual as regards the welfare of our country. (100-32734-7)

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A professor at Harvard University advised in December 1941 that Johnson had requested an opportunity to do some work for the Civilian Defense Unit at Harvard. He had expressed a preference for some inconspicuous role and in the informant's opinion Johnson was sincere, had given up the ideas previously held by him, and was trying to rehabilitate himself and to correct people's impressions of him.

Informant related that Johnson's being placed as chairman of the Radio Committee had been subject to criticism in view of Johnson's background, and upon this being called to Johnson's attention he agreed to drop this position, but requested that he be allowed to continue working for the organization. The informant reiterated that he believed Johnson regretted his past, had divorced

the notions regarding Nazism previously held by him and now sees the advantages of democracy.

The informant feels strongly that Johnson had never been connected with the Bund and had never belonged to any totalitarian group, but was independent in his ideas and actions. (100-32734-7)

Philip Johnson is reported to have furnished all of the costs involved in the printing of Lawrence Dennis' book "The Dynamics of War and Revolution," printed by the Haddon Craftsmen, Camden, New Jersey. Dennis is reported to have said this money was advanced by Johnson as a gift to him. Johnson is also reported to have been a pupil of Werne Sombart, a scientist in Germany, and to have translated a book written by Sombart entitled "Weltanschauung Science and Economy", which was printed by the Veritas Press with Johnson's financial backing. (65-951-44)

In December 1941 it was reported that a "Citizens Army" was to be formed apparently in New York City, and that this army was to be organized along the lines of military units. It was reported that the units would resemble as closely as possible the Storm Troopers of Germany, and that this army was "to take over" when trouble starts, the exact nature of trouble not being indicated. It appears that the "Citizens Army" was to be controlled by an Inner Circle, and one Philip Johnson, Lawrence Dennis, and others were referred to as the Inner Circle. The source of this information was not clear as to whether or not the Inner Circle to which Philip Johnson belongs is identical with the Inner Circle in the "Citizens Army". (100-64193-1)

In January 1942, it was learned from a confidential source that one Philip Johnson, New London, Ohio, was included in a list of names to whom propaganda and other correspondence had been mailed by the German Embassy in Washington, D. C. (65-5823-215)

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON also known as Philip Johnson	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

AGENCY Ice USIA
REQ. REC'D 9-22-54
REP'T FORW. 10-5-54
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject a heavy stockholder in Union Bank of Commerce. Has special account but no commercial or savings account and no safety deposit box. Father, H. H. JOHNSON, and uncle, H. B. JOHNSON, signed in the account. Father and uncle are stockholders and uncle member of Board of Directors. Only two checks this month, both signed by uncle, one to Curtis Publishing Company. Balance always around twenty-five hundred dollars.

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Details: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

This investigation is based on a teletype from the Boston Field Division requesting that the subject's account at the Union Bank of Commerce be examined and the identity of H. H. JOHNSON, the agent of subject's special account, be ascertained.

Informant T-1 advised that the subject is a heavy stockholder in the bank and has a special account in which his father, HOMER H. JOHNSON, and his uncle, H. B. JOHNSON, signed. Father and uncle also are stockholders, and the uncle is a member of the Board of Directors. Both are prominent attorneys of an old and wealthy Cleveland family.

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The father of the subject has an office in the Union Commerce Building.

Only two checks have passed this month, one to the Curtis Publishing Company. Both checks were signed by N. B. JOHNSON. The balance of the account always is approximately twenty-five hundred dollars. The subject has no commercial or savings account and no safety deposit box.

Further information concerning the subject's family is contained in the report of Special Agent G. E. IRWIN, Cleveland, Ohio, dated January 12, 1942.

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INFORMANT

T-1 Miss FLORENCE WELSH, Union Bank of Commerce.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS FILE NO. 100-867 MM

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CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Subject withdrew from Harvard University sometime during latter part of February, claiming to have obtained a position in Washington with a Government propaganda agency. Returned to Cambridge two days later, having been the victim of some misunderstanding or mis-information. Examination made of Subject's bank account at the Cambridge Trust Company, Cambridge. Among other contributions were noted two of $100 each to the American Defense Harvard Club, and also of the same amount to the Associated Jewish Philanthropies. Subject unknown to the Treasurer of the Harvard Defense Club, and recalled by the head of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies as being a class mate of his son at Harvard University.

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REFERENCE Report of Special Agent J. A. BRENNAN, at Boston, Mass., dated 3-5-42.
Letter from Bureau to Boston Field Division dated 4-29-42.
Letter from Washington Field Division to Bureau dated 5-1-42.

DETAILS AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Upon being re-contacted telephonically, Mr. CHAUNCEY DEPEW STEELE, JR., Manager of the Continental Hotel, advised that he had been mis-informed relative to Subject's connection with the Office of Facts and Figures in Washington, D. C. He stated that at the time he originally informed Agent, Subject had declared that he was leaving for such a position but that he had returned two or three days later and resumed residence at the Hotel. No reason was given by him for his

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return.

Mrs. SALLY RAABE, Secretary at the Harvard Graduate School of Architecture was telephonically contacted and advised that PHILIP JOHNSON, several months previous, had given written notice of his withdrawal from the School of Architecture, claiming to have accepted a position with some Government Agency, the exact title of which she could not recall, but believed it to be either the Office of Facts and Figures or the Coordinator of Information. Subject went to Washington by plane, and returned to school, resuming attendance two days later. No explanation was given to the school authorities according to Mrs. RAABE, but the rumor was that Subject had sometime ago applied for a position with this particular Government agency and had received a telegram to report immediately for employment.

An examination was made of the Subject's disbursements, since September 1, 1941, from his bank account at the Cambridge Trust Company, through inspection of canceled checks, by means of the recordak, as this bank merely photographs the face of the canceled checks it was impossible to develop any information concerning endorsers. Among the disbursements during this period were noted the following:

9/8/41	LIONEL C. PERERA	$1500
9/27/41	American DEFENSE- HARVARD CLUB	$100
10/2/42	INSTITUE OF MODERN ART	$250
10/29/41	LIONEL C. PERERA	$1500
10/29/41	S. CLEMENT HORSLEY	$50
11/21/41	ASSOCIT.JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES	$100
11/21/41	UNITED CHINA RELIEF	$25
12/1/41	LIONEL C. PERERA	$500
12/1/42	S. CLEMENT HORSLEY	$500
12/19/41	RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF, INC.	$50
12/20/41	E. DONER	$150
2/7/42	LIONEL PERERA	$500
2/20/42	LIONEL PERERA	$1000
3/21/42	RALPH BARTON PERRY	$50
3/28/42	SARGENT KENNEDY, Treasurer AMERICAN DEFENSE - HARVARD CLUB	$100

As an efficient and thorough record of all disbursements is not made by the Cambridge Trust Company, there were also a number of other disbursements appearing on the bank ledger for Subject, but the checks for which could not be located on the recordak for the respective dates. However, a record of these disbursements was made by Agent, and this record, as well as the complete record of disbursements during the period from September 1, 1941 to April 27, 1942, are being retained in the files of the Boston Field Division.

The following monthly average balance has been maintained by the Subject at this Bank since September, 1940:

Sept., 1940	$500	Oct., 1940	$416
Nov., 1940	$1570	Dec. 1940	$253
Jan., 1941	$772	Feb. 1941	$185
Mar., 1941	$702	Apr. 1941	$466
May, 1941	$313	Jun., 1941	$2000
Jul., 1941	$1400	Aug. 1941	$677
Sept.,1941	$2505	Oct. 1941	$2200
Nov., 1941	$2805	Dec. 1941	$2000
Jan., 1942	$4400	Feb. 1942	$3000
Mar., 1942	$1500		

Subject's account as of April 27, 1942, at the time the above examination and audit was made, stood at $837.53. Deposits to Subject's account were made on September 8, 1941, October 10, 1941 and December 26, 1941. Each of these deposits were in the form of a check, totaling $5000, and drawn on the account of PHILIP C. JOHNSON, Special Account, at the Union Bank of Commerce Company, Cleveland, Ohio. These checks were drawn by H. H. JOHNSON, Agent. It was also noted that the Subject had an account at the Chase National Bank, Rockefeller Center Branch, New York City.

Relative to Subject's disbursements, it is to be noted that he has been constructing a modernistic one story house at the corner of Ash and Acaua Streets, Cambridge, Massachusetts. An examination of the records of the Building Department of the City of Cambridge revealed that a permit for the construction of this dwelling had been granted on September 24, 1941. Subject estimated the cost as $8000; gave his own name as architect, and that of HOWARD CUSTANCE as mechanic.

Mr. SARGENT KENNEDY, Assistant Dean of Harvard University, and Treasurer of the Harvard Defense Group, did not know Subject personally, but had recalled some rumor concerning his pro Nazi tendencies, but knew nothing definite concerning these tendencies. He did not recall any contributions from Subject, but upon reviewing his records, verified two separate contributions by PHILIP JOHNSON, each of $100. These, he stated, were substantial contributions, as viewed in the light of other such contributions received by this Group.

Mr. LOUIS KIRSTEIN, President of William Filene's Sons Company, Boston, and President of Associated Jewish Philanthropies, recalled Subject as having come into his office one day with a contribution of $100 for the Jewish Philanthropies, Inc. After JOHNSON left, he stated to his secretary that he did not recall JOHNSON, and could not recall why such a contribution had been made. However, after contacting his son, the latter recalled that PHILIP JOHNSON was a classmate of his at Harvard University. The son further recalled that JOHNSON had, at one time, been connected with another Harvard student named BLACKBURN, who was also alleged to be Fascist, and also to be connected with LAWRENCE DENNIS, another alleged American Fascist.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will interview RUTH MERRILL, who according to letter from Bureau to Boston Field Division, dated January 29, 1942, a copy of which was also forwarded to the New York Field Division. She is an executive with the Ladies Home Journal, RKO Building, Radio City. She was formerly a secretary to PHILIP JOHNSON. This letter further stated that Miss MERRILL is in a position to obtain additional names of persons who have been associated with JOHNSON.

CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will, in accordance with teletype from the Boston Field Division dated May 14, 1942, make an examination of Subject's account at the Union Bank of Commerce Company, in order to ascertain sources of such account, such as disbursements as might reflect on Subject's activities and loyalty.

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Will interview Dean GUDNUT of the Harvard School of Architect in order to develop further information concerning Subject's activities at Harvard, and, more particularly, to ascertain the names and reputations of any of the students with whom Subject associated.

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Special Agent in Charge
Boston, Massachusetts

RE: PHILIP JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated March 14, 1942, concerning the articles written by the subject for the magazine "Today's Challenge," wherein it was suggested that an undeveloped lead be set out for the New York Field Division for an attempt to locate a complete file on this publication.

A review of this file in the Bureau fails to disclose that a complete file on the publication has been located nor has a lead been set out by your office in any subsequent reports requesting that the New York office attempt to locate such a file. It is requested that this matter be given your early attention and that the appropriate lead be set out for the New York office in the next report.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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September 11, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: PHILIP JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to my letter dated July 9, 1942, concerning the location of articles written by the subject for the magazine "Today's Challenge."

It is desired that this matter and the other outstanding investigation be given early attention, and that a report be submitted to the Bureau in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON, also known as Philip Johnson	INTERNAL SECURITY, G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject reported as having set up an aerial inside the chimney in his new home, Cambridge, Mass. The book, "BERLIN DIARY", by William Shirer spoke of Subject as a suspected Nazi and as having known Subject in Berlin, Germany. Subject worked with Huey Long and Alan Blackburn in 1934, Washington, D. C. Later worked with Blackburn and Father Coughlin. Subject, with Blackburn, said to be active in their organization "Youth and the Nation", according to decennial report of class of 1927 of Harvard.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent J. A. BRENNAN, Boston, Mass., 6-17-42

Details: Colonel EBEN S. DRAPER, of the Massachusetts State Guard, on June 12, 1942 reported to Special Agent G. V. DOHERTY that information had been received that Subject had an aerial built inside the chimney of his new home on Ash St., Cambridge, Mass.

Under date of July 7, 1942 a letter was received from Mr. Edmund J. Brandon, U. S. Attorney, Boston, Mass., enclosing a copy of a letter of Mr. CHARLES F. MANNING, 28 Hawthorne Cambridge, Mass., which is quoted as follows:

"I would like to ease my mind on a situation that

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has arisen in the neighborhood which I cover as a warden under the ARP setup here. If it is known to the proper authorities I will maintain a "discreet silence".

"At No. 7 Ash street, corner of Acacia street, a block from my home, in a newly erected house of modernistic design, shielded on three sides by a 10-ft fence, lives Philip C. Johnson, Harvard 1927 (degree in 1930) for the past two years a student of architecture at Harvard. He is 35. Since his coming here from Hotel Continental there has arisen an air of mystery, curiosity and suspicion, although a month ago, on the occasion of his occupancy of the new house, he held a "house-party" for the neighbors. I was among the invited but did not attend.

"I enclose copy of paragraph from Wm. L. Shirer's "Berlin Diary" relative to one "Philip Johnson"; also copy of the data submitted by "Philip C. Johnson" for the Decennial Report of the Class of 1927 at Harvard. I am led to believe that they are one and the same person. I have more data which I can furnish if you think the situation warrants."

The quotation from the "Berlin Diary" of William L. Shirer, page 213, is as follows:

"Dr. Boehmer, press chief of the Propaganda Ministry in charge of this trip, insisted that I share a double room in the hotel with Philip Johnson, an American fascist, who says he represents Father Coughlin's Social Justice. None of us can stand the fellow and suspect he is spying on us for the Nazis. For the last hour in our room he has been posing as anti-Nazi and trying to pump me for my attitude. I have given him no more than a few bored grunts."

Copy of the data sumbitted by Subject for the decennial report of the class of 1927 of Harvard is as follows:

"Philip Cortelyou Johnson
Born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 8, 1906
Son of Homer and Louise (Pope) Johnson
Educated at Hackley school
Home and business address--New London, Conn.
Business: politics
"Upon leaving Harvard in 1930 I spent a great deal of time in Durope. I studied architecture as an amateur and later got a job at the head

of the museum of Modern Art. In 1934 I resigned from the Museum and worked with Huey Long and Alan Blackburn '29, in Washington. In 1936 I ran for state representative in Ohio and worked with Father Coughlin and Blackburn. Blackburn and I are now independent politically and active in our own organization "Youth and the Nation" which sponsors us in weekly broadcasts over Station WSPD."

"In two previous reports of the class of 1927 no data on him except that he had in 1930 a permanent address as 2171 Overlook road, Cleveland. In 15th year report, now on the press, he failed to give any information whatsoever.

"Blackburn, mentioned above, is listed with Harvard Alumni Directory office as of 225 East 67th street, New York (home address) and as being associated with the N Y Association for the Blind. Data on Blackburn can be found in Class of 1929 reports."

Under date of July 11, 1942 a letter was addressed to the Cleveland Field Offfice requesting an examination of Subject's account at the Union Bank of Commerce, Cleveland, Ohio.

Under date of July 11, 1942 a letter was addressed to the Washington Field Office requesting a copy or digest of [redacted] b3

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

*Will interview RUTH MERRILL, who according to letter from Bureau to Boston Field Division, dated January 29, 1942, a copy of which was also forwarded to the New York Field Division, is an executive with the Ladies Home Journal, RKO Building, Radio City. She was formerly a secretary to PHILIP JOHNSON. This letter further stated that Miss MERRILL is in a position to obtain additional names of persons who have been associated with JOHNSON.

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

*Will, in accordance with teletype from the Boston Field Division dated May 14, 1942, make an examination of Subject's account at the Union Bank of Commerce Company, in order to ascertain sources of such account, such as disbursements as might reflect on Subject's activities and loyalty.

THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

*Will interview Dean HUDNUT of the Harvard School of Architecture in order to develop further information concerning Subject's activities at Harvard, and, more particularly, to ascertain the names and reputations of any of the students with whom Subject associated.

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PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON	INTERNAL SECURITY - G & C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MISS RUTH MERRILL, Secretary to subject from 1933 to 1934, stated that about 300 names appeared on list of subject's Gray Shirt Organization although only about 15 to 20 persons actually attended Gray Shirt meetings. She recalled that JOHNSON wanted to be the "Hitler" in this country; that he believed HUEY LONG was going to gain control in the US and that he, JOHNSON, could depose HUEY LONG. Newspaper article dated December 18, 1934 states that subject and ALAN BLACKBURN intended to form a new political party with aim of forming entirely new form of government in the US. DR. JAMES B. MURPHY, 177 East 64th Street, NYC, interviewed with negative results.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Boston Field Division, dated January 29, 1942. ✓ Bureau File No. 100-32734

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MISS RUTH MERRILL of the Ladies Home Journal was interviewed in the R.K.O. Building, Radio City, New York City, on March 23, 1942. She stated that she became the secretary of the subject, PHILIP JOHNSON in the fall of 1933 and worked for him in that capacity until late in 1934. MISS MERRILL recalls that PHILIP JOHNSON and ALAN BLACKBURN were sponsors of an organization called the Gray Shirts, which organization met in the apartment of PHILIP JOHNSON at 216 East 49th Street, New York City. The informant indicated that she had charge of the membership list of the organization at that time, the names numbering between 200 and 300 on the list, but that only 15

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to 20 person actually attended the meetings of the Gray Shirts. MISS MERRILL stated that JOHNSON told her never to let the lists of the members of the Gray Shirts get out of her hands; that this organization never participated in any activities, and disbanded in 1934 when JOHNSON and BLACKBURN left to study the political activities of HUEY LONG.

The informant stated that PHILIP JOHNSON had a very peculiar political philosophy and she was convinced that he wanted to the "Hitler" in the United States. JOHNSON believed that HUEY LONG was the coming political figure in the United States and that he was convinced that he would eventually gain control of this country. JOHNSON felt that the fate of this country rested on his, JOHNSON's, shoulders, and that by joining with HUEY LONG he could eventually depose HUEY LONG from the control of the country and gain it for himself.

MISS MERRILL was under the impression that PHILIP JOHNSON's main source of income was from a large block of stock in the Aluminum Company of America. She stated that the income from this stock amounted to approximately $12000 per year. It is her understanding that PHILIP JOHNSON's father wanted to cut him off from his income, but could not do so because a trust fund had been established for PHILIP which could not be touched. MISS MERRILL stated that PHILIP JOHNSON had a very weak character and immature mind. She stated that RUDOLPH VOISEMEIER, a German butler employed by JOHNSON over a period of three years might be in a position to furnish information concerning subject's activities, but she was unable to provide the reporting agent with his present address.

MISS MERRILL stated tht LINCOLN KIRSTIEN who was associated with the Museum of Modern Art at the time JOHNSON and BLACKBURN were, may be able to give further information concerning JOHNSON. MISS MERRILL stated that KIRSTIEN was presently operating a school of Ballet at 637 Madison Avenue, New York City.

MISS MERRILL provided the reporting agent with a clipping from the New York Herald Tribune dated December 18, 1934, which is being set out in full for the benefit of the office of origin. In connection with this article there is also a picture of PHILIP JOHNSON and ALAN BLACKBURN which is being retained in the exhibit file of instance case:

"TWO QUIT MODERN ART MUSEUM FOR SUR-REALIST POLITICAL VENTURE

"BLACKBURN and JOHNSON, With No Program but One Party for Nation, Start Saturday for Louisiana to Study the Interesting, to Them, Huey Long

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"Alan Blackburn, executive director of the Museum of Modern Art, and Philip Johnson, chairman of the museum's Architectural Department, have deserted art for politics, it was learned yesterday. They have resigned their posts at the museum, and on Saturday they will leave for Louisiana, to begin the task of

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building up their private political party by getting a line on the antics of Senator Huey Pierce Long.

"Both Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Johnson have been admirers of the surrealist school of painting, and their politics are not without a certain surrealist flavor. Their party, to be called quite simply 'The National Party,' is distinguished from all other political aggregations, juntas, parties or groups, past and present, by a complete lack of platform or program. They plan to pick one up as they go along, possibly in Louisiana.

"Meanwhile the party has Mr. Blackburn for leader, Mr. Johnson for co-founder, a flying wedge for its emblem, and 'The Need Is for One Party' for its slogan. It is a homemade affair, for all the meetings which have been held since its foundation last April took place in Mr. Johnson's duplex apartment at 216 East Forty-ninth Street. Gray shirts are, or were, worn at meetings, but Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Johnson sternly deny any Fascist leanings. The party has about 100 members.

"'But we have no membership lists and no books,' said Mr. Blackburn. 'Johnson and I are the party after all. If any of the other boys are still around, and still have faith when we get back, all right. But we're young and we've been working in an art museum at something very different. Both I as leader and Johnson as co-founder need more personal breadth. So we're going to Louisiana to brush ourselves up a bit. And we're tremendously interested in Huey Long.'"

"Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Johnson jointly outlined their plans in Mr. Johnson's little office at the Modern Museum, 11 West Fifty-third Street, where catalogues of firearms and advanced art publications were piled everywhere. Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Johnson are Harvard graduates, and met when they were boys at the Hackley School, Tarrytown, N.Y. They went to the museum together three years ago.

"'There is no program in our party,' Mr. Blackburn explained. 'We feel that we were tremendously honest with our fellows in telling them that there was no program, but there wasn't. We dislike intellectualism, you see. As soon as a thing's put into words it means something else. Intellectuals don't have the third dimension. You don't just put a lot of professors together and stir them around in a cauldron and get something wonderful. There's got to be more than that.'"

"The aims of the party seem to be to provide the entirely new form of government which Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Johnson believe to be at hand, and to endow it with an emotional, driving force. Just what the form of government should be or how it should be set up has not been decided. The leaders have not decided even it their party is a revolutionary one.

"'All you need is faith,courage and loyalty,' said Mr. Johnson. 'If you have them, you'll get things done. That's the terrible thing today, why the Dillinger and Capone gangs are the only groups that have got courage and loyalty

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from their adherents. Beyond that nothing is needed, not even consistency. The only necessary consistency is consistency of feeling.'"

"'What is lacking in this country,' said Mr. Blackburn, 'is an emotional spirit, a religion. Take Roosevelt now. What emotional feeling there is centers around him as a person. He's more the leader of the country than the President. People don't feel the New Deal has got anywhere, but they trust the President. And nothing has been done either. The projects of the New Deal haven't been co-ordinated. It's not like a chemical experiment, where you can put small quantities of two substances together and, blowey, you have a third, and then you can do the same with 100 pounds of each, and blam, you still have the same third substance.

"'Experiments on a small scale like the T.V.A. just don't work out the same as they would on a larger scale. We feel that just in these last years the world has come to the end of an epoch that lasted roughly 3,000 years. Machinery has been so perfected, everything has been so changed that it is time for a new epoch. So we got impatient. We didn't feel we ought to go on waiting and waiting forever, and we founded our party!"

"The idea came to the founders two years ago, when they read Lawrence Dennis's 'Doom of Capitalism.' About a year ago they began discussing the foundation of a new party,and the last April the first meeting, of sixteen persons, including Mr. Johnson's German servant, was called at his apartment. There were two more private meetings in the spring, and then Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Johnson left on an extended tour of the United States. This fall there have been two public meetings, one of them of 100 persons. Mr. Dennis, a strongly nationalist economist who disapproves the profit motive, has lectured to party members.

"Mr. Blackburn said, 'Our strongest emphasis is on personnel. Johnson and I are very personal guys.'

"Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Johnson last summer motored 8,000 miles from coast to coast, stopping every two hours to converse with the populace. They consider New Orleans, San Francisco and New York the three cities with character in the United States. Moreover, they are deeply interested in Huey Long. Mr. Blackburn said they were no more interested in him than Upton Sinclair or President Roosevelt, but Mr. Johnson felt that they were much more interested in him, certainly, than Sinclair. He pointed out that Long had superseded the law courts and pretty nearly everything else in Louisiana.

"'We might like to talk to Long,' said Mr. Blackburn. 'Of course, he might not like to talk to us. We don't know. Then we're going to exercise. People in New York exercise too little, and we're going to relax, and we're going to absorb the atmosphere. We get our impressions not by any investigation, but by osmosis. We found out all about Washington at poker parties.'

"'We're adventurers, with an intellectual overlay, so we're almost articulate,' said Mr. Johnson, 'but not quite articulate.'

"The adventure begins on Saturday, after Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Johnson

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have taken leave of the museum, for which they expressed great admiration, and after they have collected necessary supplies. They were attacking the problem of firearms yesterday. Mr. Johnson favored a submachine gun, but Mr. Blackburn preferred one of the larger types of pistol. When such difficulties are settled the baggage will be packed in Mr. Johnson's large Packard touring car and they will set off."

DR. JAMES B. MURPHY, 177 East 64th Street, New York City, was interviewed on August 24, 1942. DR. MURPHY stated that he recalled PHILIP JOHNSON was associated with the Museum of Modern Art back in the early part of 1930s when his wife was also interested in the activities of that museum. He stated that he was never very well acquainted with JOHNSON; that he knew nothing of his political activities and only recalled him as a rather queer person. He stated that JOHNSON had come to his house uninvited on one occasion to look at a room for the purpose of making suggestions as to its decoration. He stated that none of JOHNSON's suggestions were carried out, and that was the only dealing that he had with the subject. He indicated that his wife would not be in a position to provide further information concerning the subject because their acquaintance with him had been brief, and had gone no further than above stated.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON, aka
Philip Johnson
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
(Bureau file 65-12997)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent PHILLIP M. BREED, Boston, Massachusetts, dated September 15, 1942, in the above-entitled case, which contains a lead for this office to make an examination of subject's account at the Union Bank of Commerce in order to ascertain sources of such account and such disbursements as might reflect subject's activities and loyalty.

Your attention is directed to report of Special Agent (A) CARL A. HERRING, Cleveland, Ohio, dated October 3, 1942, in the case of LAWRENCE DENNIS, with aliases; WEEKLY FOREIGN LETTER; REGISTRATION ACT, which contains a complete analysis of the deposits and withdrawals from the PHILLIP C. JOHNSON Special Account at the Union Bank of Commerce, Cleveland, Ohio, for the years 1939 to 1942 inclusive, copies of which were furnished to the Boston Field Division.

In view of the fact that there is no further lead outstanding for this office, this matter is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

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PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON	INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION

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WILBUR STITELY, Clerk, U. S. Grand Jury Records, U. S. District Court House, assisted reporting agent in searching those records for any reference to [redacted]

Mr. STITELY pointed out that a search at this time with no knowledge of [redacted]

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Date: December 22, 1942

To: SAC, Boston

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT

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Reference is made to the Bureau's letters of July 9 and September 11, 1942 in the above entitled matter concerning the location of articles written by the subject for the magazine "Today's Challenge". It was indicated in those communications that the location of these articles and other outstanding investigation be given early attention.

To date there has been no indication that an effort has been made to obtain the articles cited above. Accordingly I desire to reiterate the suggestion that you take the necessary steps to ascertain whether such articles are available and can be obtained for examination in order to ascertain whether they fall within the type of propaganda embraced by the registration acts. Also, the future investigation conducted in this matter should be directed toward the possibility of a violation of any of the registration acts.

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January 26, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

A review of the files in the New York Field Division reveals that the subjects of three Internal Security cases entitled PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON (two cases) and PHILIP JOHNSON (one case) are identical. Two of these cases, New York #100-6005 and New York #100-24310, are closed cases while the third, New York #100-22185, is being carried in a pending status by this office.

Since the Boston Field Office has been designated as the office of origin in all three cases, and also since the remaining undeveloped lead in the pending case, New York #100-22185, has been covered and reported in the report of Special Agent Kenneth M. Bierly dated September 19, 1942 at New York City (New York #100-6005), these cases are all being consolidated by this office and the pending case is being considered as Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

T. J. DONEGAN
Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Boston

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PHILIP JOHNSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT

It is desired that the leads set forth in the report of Special Agent Phillip M. Breed dated September 15, 1942, at Boston, Massachusetts, be given early investigative attention, and that a report be submitted in the near future.

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Army Bars 25 Native-Born From N. Y. Defense Area

Lawrence Dennis Among Those Called 'Dangerous to Internal Security'

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The U. S. Army has quietly ordered excluded more than 25 native-born American citizens from the Eastern Defense Command area as being "dangerous to internal security."

More than 100 cases have been explored since December. Most of them await a final decision.

Thus far the only name made public in connection with the proceedings is that of Lawrence Dennis, the pamphleteer and author whom Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes has called the "brain of American Fascism."

Just what has happened to Dennis' case has not been disclosed. Dennis himself said today he had not heard of any exclusion order.

Action Dropped?

"As far as I know, the action has been dropped," he said.

Senators Gerald P. Nye and Burton K. Wheeler, pre-war isolationist thumpers, have been active in his behalf.

Army officers said they could not comment.

Dennis, a Harvard graduate, is 49 and lives at West Englewood, N. J., with his wife and two daughters.

Among his books is "*The Coming American Fascism.*" Dorothy Thompson once called him "America's only lucid outspoken and intelligent Fascist writer.

Last year he accused "utopia advocates" or "trying to make me out America's most intellectual Fascist." His comment on this was: "A lot of hooey."

Appeared Twice

Dennis twice appeared before the Army Exclusion Board at 52 Broadway early in February.

He did so in answer to an order to show cause why he should not be barred from the entire Eastern Defense Command, extending along the seaboard from Maine to Florida.

At that time it was disclosed that Senators Nye and Wheeler were pulling wires to stop his exclusion.

Dennis himself said he was informed that Wheeler "did see Secretary of War Stimson in my behalf."

And Sen. Nye, last Feb. 6, in a letter to Dennis, wrote:

"I should have liked to have heard your argument before the Board. I can well imagine how properly you would deal with it."

Expulsion Is Drastic

Persons who already have been excluded or are slated to go must remove themselves from the 17 states of the Eastern Defense Command. Nor can they move to the two other restricted zones—the Western Defense Command and the Gulf Defense Command in the South.

Thus far those persons who have been excluded are native-born members of the Bund, of which there are about a dozen; outspoken admirers of the Nazis; Americans who stooged for Mussolini and a few who propagandized for the Japs.

The exclusion process is the only method.

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Lawrence Dennis

available to the Army or to civil authorities in security cases involving native-born Americans.

The regulations under which the Army is excluding citizens were promulgated by Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum on Sept. 16.

Subject to exclusion are citizens who:

¶ Wilfully or negligently prevent observance of the Army's dim-out rules.

¶ Trespass without permission on specified prohibited and restricted zones.

¶ Possess in such zones firearms, bombs, short-wave radio sets, cameras, binoculars, or books, magazines or papers with pictures or drawings of naval installations.

¶ By their past record of association with pro-Nazi or pro-Fascist individuals or organizations are prospective givers of aid and comfort to the enemy.

Weapon Against Enemy

At the time of announcing the new regulations Lt. Gen. Drum said they were solely for the purpose of preventing suspected persons from "giving information, aid or comfort to the enemy and from interfering by word or deed, with the military or naval effort of the U. S. A."

"The power to exclude," Gen. Drum said, "if judiciously exercised, is a weapon to be used against our enemies who are potentially dangerous, and in no wise is to be used to the detriment of loyal citizens or aliens."

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PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON	AGENCY ICE State REQ. REC'D 2/21/54 REP'T FORW. 4/7/55 BY	CUSTODIAL DETENTION; REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dean HUDNUT, Harvard University, contacted and stated Subject presently thought to be in the U.S.Army, has completed his work at the Harvard School of Architecture and received his degree May 1943. Investigation, Local Draft Board 47, Cambridge, Mass., reflects the Subject inducted as of 3/12/43. Informant stated Subject eccentric individual, recently entertained French officers in his home. Second informant stated Subject believed a Nazi. Informant G advised Subject teaching at Harvard University, was employed as interpreter in Berlin in 1938.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 2/12/43 (Bureau 100-32734); report of SA P. E. ERTZINGER, dated 8/6/42 at New York City, entitled "LAWRENCE DENNIS, WEEKLY FOREIGN LETTER"; report of Special Agent W. H. HEYWOOD, dated 8/6/42 at Boston, entitled "PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON"; report of Special Agent P. M. BREED, dated 9/15/42 at Boston. AGENCY INC OSIA
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DETAILS:

At BOSTON, MASS.

Dean HUDNUT of the Harvard School of Architecture, was telephonically contacted and he stated that as far as he knew, the Subject was presently in the United States Army; that he had completed his studies in instant school; and that he would receive his degree in May. Dean HUDNUT was unable to offer any more information relative to the Subject.

Miss MARTHA YOUNG, who declined to give her address and

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telephone number, telephonically contacted the Boston Field Division, and advised Special Agent P. M. BREED that Subject in this case is believed to be a Nazi and that Mrs. RUTH THAYER BURNHAM has heard him make statements of a pro-Nazi nature.

Mrs. BURNHAM'S Boston address was given as 30 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Inasmuch as this is a closing report due to the fact that the Subject has been inducted into the United States Army, no lead is being stated to contact Mrs. BURNHAM.

On March 19, 1943, Mr. W. NELSON BUMP, Manager of American Air Lines, Inc., 140 Federal Street, Boston, Mass., advised the Boston Field Division that PHILIP JOHNSON, the Subject of this case, is mentioned in the book - "Berlin Diary" and that JOHNSON has visited Germany and France on a number of occasions. Mr. BUMP further stated that the Subject is a student at Harvard Architectural School and recently built a home at 9 Ash Street, Cambridge, Mass. Mr. BUMP advised that the Subject is an eccentric individual and recently had four or five French officers from visiting French vessels, at his home.

In view of the fact that Mr. BUMP'S complaint is non-specific in its nature and consists of material which has already been called to the attention of the Boston Field Division, no investigation will be conducted relative to the incident.

Source of information "G" advised the Boston Field Division that the Subject had been reported to the office of source of information "G" as having been seen in Berlin in 1938, acting as an interpreter on a tour of German housing projects, and during this tour he expressed strong pro-Axis views. It was further reflected by the informant that the Subject was teaching at Harvard University and reported to be very friendly with a group of Professors of German nationality. According to this informant, the newspaper "PM" published an article concerning Subject's activities and pro-Axis sentiments.

Local Draft Board No. 47, located in the Philips Brooks House, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., was contacted and it was ascertained that the Subject's Selective Service file was transferred from Norwalk, Ohio, to that board and that papers were sent Feb. 8, 1943 relative to this transfer. The Subject was instructed to report for induction February 12, 1943, in Ohio but due to the transfer he was inducted on March 12, 1943, through Local Draft Board 47, in Cambridge, Mass.

The referenced report of Special Agent W. H. HEYWOOD, dated 8/6/42 at Boston, titled "LAWRENCE DENNIS, with aliases; WEEKLY FOREIGN LETTER" reflects that the Subject JOHNSON was a close friend and associate of LAWRENCE DENNIS, who is subject of a Registration Act case in the New York City Field Division. The referenced report contains a detailed

question and answer statement made by Subject JOHNSON, when he was interviewed by Agents of the Boston Field Division relative to his association with LAWRENCE DENNIS. This question and answer statement is too lengthy to be repeated and for that reason the reference was set forth in this report.

In view of the fact that the Subject is presently a member of the United States Army, having been inducted 3/12/43, no further investigation will be conducted in this matter and this case will be carried in a closed status.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Boston, Massachusetts

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May 13, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON
CUSTODIAL DETENTION;
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Relative to the above captioned matter, please be advised that the Subject is presently a member of the United States Army, having been inducted on March 12, 1943, through Local Draft Board No. 47, Cambridge, Mass. Information is reflected by report of Special Agent JAMES F. MAHAN, dated 5/13/43 at Boston, Mass.

In view of Subject's induction, this matter is being referred to the office of G-2, First Service Command, 808 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass., together with all pertinent serials. The following copies of serials are presently being forwarded to G-2:

1 copy	Report of SA W. H. HEYWOOD, dated 8/6/42 at Boston, Mass., entitled "LAWRENCE DENNIS, with aliases; WEEKLY FOREIGN LETTER" (Boston file 97-18).
1	Copy of report of SA P. M. BREED, dated 7/9/41 at Boston, Mass.
1	Copy of report of SA E. R. RIDDLE, Boston, Mass., dated 10-2-41 at Boston, Mass.
1	Copy of report of SA K. M. BIERLY, dated 12/2/41 at New York City.
1	Copy of report of SA J. A. BRENNAN, Boston, Mass., dated 12/6/41.
1	Copy of report of SA G. E. IRWIN, dated 1/12/42 at Cleveland, Ohio.
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1	Copy of report of H. I. TEITELBAUM, dated 5/11/42 at New York, N. Y.
1	Copy of report of G. E. IRWIN, dated 5/23/42 at Cleveland, Ohio.
1	Copy of report of SA J. A. BRENNAN, dated 6/17/42 at Boston, Mass.
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1 Copy of report of SA K. M. BIERLY, dated 9/19/42 at New York City.

1 Copy of report of SA E. L. BARTON, dated 11/3/42 at Washington, D. C.

1 Copy of report of SA JAMES F. MAHAN, dated 5/13/43 at Boston, Mass.

Very truly yours,

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CARL E. HENNRICH
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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Tracy

DATE: October 11, 1944

FROM : S. S. Alden

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SUBJECT: Philip Cortelyan Johnson
Registration Act;
Internal Security - G

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ACTION

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On October 10, 1944, Mr. Hugh H. Teller, Anti-American Unit, Visa Division, Department of State, related to Supervisor W. H. Caver that he had recently been contacted by Ernest Pope, editor in the European Section of F. C. C., who was a former newspaperman in Germany, and is author of the book entitled "Munich Playground". Mr. Pope, according to Mr. Teller, had met Philip Johnson, the subject in this case, while the latter was a correspondent for "Social Justice", the publication of Father Coughlin, in Germany during August, 1939. Mr. Pope was of the opinion that Johnson was possessed of Fascist inclinations, and might be an informant of the German Gestapo.

Mr. Pope also made reference to the book "Berlin Diary" by William L. Shirer where Philip Johnson was mentioned on page 213. Quotation from this publication is not being set forth since it appears in Serial 29 of instant file.

According to Mr. Teller, Pope was prompted to mention this matter in view of the fact that he had recently seen Philip Johnson in the uniform of a United States Army Private at the apartment of Kay Halle, 1608 19th Street, N. W. He further related that Kay Halle is a questionable individual who is constantly entertaining men in uniform, and is considered by him, Pope, to be a suspicious character.

The file reflects that Philip Johnson was inducted into the United States Army on March 12, 1943, and a summary report from Military Intelligence (Serial 37, present file) shows that Johnson was attached to Company E, 2nd Military Intelligence Training Battalion, Camp Ritchie, Maryland, as of July 2, 1943. (S-1) (S) (W)

In view of the information developed during the Bureau's investigation of Johnson which reflects that he is possessed of Fascist tendencies, it seems extremely peculiar that this individual would presently be serving in Military Intelligence of the United States Army.

SUGGESTED ACTION: None. This is for the record since MID already has the pertinent information.

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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: April 6, 1945

FROM : C. H. Carson

SUBJECT: PRIVATE PHILIP C. JOHNSON
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BACKGROUND

By letter, L. J. Randall, Legal Attache, Bogota, Colombia advised that Ambassador John C. Wiley, United States Ambassador to Colombia had requested information concerning the background and activities of Private Philip C. Johnson, Company B, 259th Engineers, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The Ambassador reportedly is considering Johnson in the event he is discharged from the Army for the job as architect in the planning of the newly proposed American Embassy residence building of Bogota, Colombia.

DETAILS

Ambassador Wiley has indicated that he is aware of Johnson's extensive travels to Germany and the fact that he has been associated with numerous pro-Nazi individuals; however Ambassador Wiley has pointed out that it is his personal belief that Johnson was never truly pro-Nazi and is believed to have discharged his obligations as a volunteer in the American Army with credit. The attached memorandum sets forth the fact that Johnson was born July 8, 1906, New London, Ohio and is the son of Homer H. Johnson, a prominent Cleveland attorney. He has a private income from stocks and bonds held in trust for him from an estate valued at approximately $500,000. From 1937 until the early 1940's Johnson was associated with numerous individuals, among whom were Father Coughlin, Alan Blackburn and Huey Long, Gerald L. K. Smith, Joseph V. MacWilliams, Mrs. Viola Bodenschadtz, George Sylvester Viereck, Dr. Frederick Ernest Auhagen, Lawrence Dennis and numerous other individuals of the same ilk. In testimony Johnson has admitted numerous publication and organizational ventures and also having financed largely the propaganda activities of Lawrence Dennis.

Johnson has been described by some as a very intelligent individual who was a young reactionary and who when threatened with conviction along with some of his cohorts, realized the seriousness of his ventures. Johnson was inducted in the United States Army on March 12, 1943 and has since been reported as attached to Military Intelligence training units.

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It is recommended that the attached memorandum be forwarded to the Legal Attache in Bogota with the suggestion that he consider the advisability of making the contents known to Ambassador Wiley for his confidential information.

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Bogotá, Colombia

January 9, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: PRIVATE PHILIP C. JOHNSON
FOREIGN - MISCELLANEOUS

Dear Sir:

Ambassador John C. Wiley of this Embassy has recently requested the assistance of the Office of the Legal Attache in connection with the following problem relative to securing the services of Private Philip C. Johnson, Company B, 259nth Engineers, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, as an architect to consult and work on the proposed plans for the new American Embassy residence in Bogotá, Colombia.

Ambassador Wiley advised the writer confidentially that Johnson is of a well known and wealthy family in New London, Ohio and has achieved international reputation as an architect. Ambassador Wiley continued however to state that Johnson lived in Germany during the early and middle 1930's and associated quite openly with pro-Nazi individuals. According to Ambassador Wiley, Johnson was denounced severely by William L. Shirer in his book entitled "Berlin Diary" as being pro-Nazi and upon his return to the United States Johnson reportedly associated with Lawrence Dennis. Dennis, it will be remembered, was one of those indicted in the recent sedition trial held in Washington, D. C., and it is the Ambassador's recollection that Johnson has been accused of assisting Dennis financially and also has been interviewed extensively by the Department of Justice attorneys who were prosecuting the sedition case for information along these lines.

It is the Ambassador's personal belief that Johnson was never truly pro-Nazi and to the best of Ambassador Wiley's knowledge he has discharged his obligation as a soldier in the American Army with credit. Ambassador Wiley added that he has been informed that Johnson may soon be discharged from the army and that if so he would be an excellent person to commission for the planning of the proposed American Embassy residence in Bogotá, Colombia.

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Ambassador Wiley has confidentially requested the assistance of this office in ascertaining discreetly the status of Johnson and whether his background and record would be such as to make his services in the above regard undesirable. Ambassador Wiley has indicated that he has not as yet made known his consideration of Johnson for the above-mentioned work in Bogotá to the State Department. It is felt that any information the Bureau may be in a position to furnish this office to assist Ambassador Wiley in his decision would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Loane J. Randall

Loane J. Randall
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Date: April 6, 1945

To: Mr. L. J. Randall
The American Embassy
Bogota, Colombia

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: PRIVATE PHILIP C. JOHNSON
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to your letter of January 9, 1945, entitled as above in which you made it known that Ambassador John C. Wiley had confidentially requested the assistance of the office of the Legal Attache in ascertaining discreetly the status of Johnson and whether his background and record would be such as to make his services undesirable in regard to the construction of the new Embassy building.

Please be advised that a review of the Bureau files reflects numerous references concerning Johnson and his activities. The attached blind memorandum is a summary of the more pertinent information contained in Bureau files. As per your request you are instructed to make the contents of this memorandum available to Ambassador Wiley pointing out to him that it is for his confidential information.

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February 1, 1945

RE: PHILIP CORTELYAN JOHNSON

Philip C. Johnson Summary

Philip Johnson was born July 8, 1906, in New London, Ohio, and is the son of Homer H. Johnson, a prominent Cleveland attorney. He has a private income from stocks and bonds held in trust for him from an estate valued at approximately $500,000. His estate is known as Townsend Farms located at New London, Ohio. According to Johnson's own statement as taken from a book published by the Harvard class of 1927, the following information is set forth: "On leaving Harvard in 1930 I spent a great deal of time in Europe. I studied architecture as an amateur and later got a job as the head of the Architectural Department of the Museum of Modern Arts. In 1934 I resigned from the Museum and worked with Huey Long and Alan Blackburn in Washington. In 1936 I ran for State Representative in Ohio and worked with Father Coughlin and Blackburn. Blackburn and I are now independent politically and active in our own organization 'Youth and the Nation' which sponsors us in weekly broadcasts over station WSAI."

Johnson organized a Gray Shirt organization about 1934, the rolls of which organization had about 300 names, although from a reliable source it has been reported that only about fifteen to twenty persons actually attended those meetings. It is said that Johnson wanted to be "the Hitler" of this country and at that time that he believed Huey Long was going to gain control of the United States and that he, Johnson, could depose Long.

On Page 213 of "Berlin Diary" by William L. Shirer, he relates that on September 14, 1939, a trip was made from Berlin to the Polish Corridor and that the party stopped for the night at Zoppot near Danzig. The pertinent paragraph follows: "Dr. Boehmer, Press Chief of the Propaganda Ministry in charge of this trip, insisted that I share a double room at the hotel there with Philip Johnson, an American Fascist who says he represents Father Coughlin's 'Social Justice.' None of us can stand the fellow and suspect that he is spying on us for the Nazis. For the last hour in our room here he has been posing as anti-Nazi and trying to pump me for my attitude. I have given no more than a few bored grunts."

Numerous reports reflect information concerning Johnson's activities from the period of September, 1938, until 1940, all of which describe him as suspicious because of his numerous activities in sponsoring, associating with, and actively promoting pro-Nazi and pro-Fascist programs, publications, and activities. He has long been associated with such individuals as Father Coughlin, publisher of "Social Justice"; Huey Long, deceased, formerly Senator from the State of Louisiana; Lawrence Dennis; Gerald L. K. Smith; Joseph E. MacWilliams of the Christian Mobilizers; Alan Blackburn, associate of Huey Long; Mrs. Viola Bodenschadtz, convicted agent of the German Government; Ulrich von Grinanth, formerly of the German Embassy in Washington, D. C.; Dr. Frederick Ernest Auhagen, educator, lecturer, and writer, and convicted German propaganda agent; George Sylvester Viereck, American, of the American Fellowship Forum; and numerous other individuals who prior to the entrance of the United States into the present World War were associated with radical organizations, publications, and political move-

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From a source considered reliable it was reported that Johnson was feted by the German authorities in charge of the press correspondents visiting the Polish front and that the Germans were quite solicitous about his welfare.

From a reliable source in 1942 Johnson furnished the following information concerning allegations of his activities and associations as mentioned above. He stated that he had graduated from Harvard in 1930 although he should have graduated in 1927 as he had been forced to discontinue school because of an illness, psychothymia. In regard to his background he advised that from 1930 to 1935 he was Director of the Agricultural Department of the Museum of Modern Arts, New York City, and that since 1935 he had been employed as Manager of his father's farm located at New London, Ohio. He stated his father was Homer H. Johnson and a member of the firm H. B. and H. H. Johnson, practicing attorneys in Cleveland, Ohio. He pointed out that his only sources of income were from his estate and the position of Manager of his father's farm.

Johnson explained that he had been acquainted with Father Coughlin since the death of Huey Long as Townsend Farm in New London, Ohio, is not far from Royal Oak, Michigan, and that he had had opportunities to visit Father Coughlin while living on the farm. According to Johnson in 1936 Father Coughlin asked Johnson and Johnson's friend Alan Blackburn, Executive Director of the Museum of Modern Arts who was then being supported financially by Johnson, to assist him, Father Coughlin, in the publication of one issue of "Social Justice." Johnson advised that they had done this making suggestions as to the format, typography, and editorial content of the publication. Johnson and Blackburn received no remuneration for this work. Blackburn wrote a few articles which appeared in this same issue of "Social Justice." According to Johnson he wrote none and that in his opinion Father Coughlin had not seemed impressed with the efforts of he and his friend. However, Johnson helped Father Coughlin organize a rally in Chicago at the time Coughlin was backing Lemke for President, and also Johnson contributed $5,000.00 to Lemke's campaign.

In regard to Huey Long, Johnson advised that prior to his affiliation with "Social Justice" he and Blackburn had become interested in the Huey Long movement, and pursuant to this interest had journeyed to Louisiana attaching themselves to Huey Long. They came to Washington with Long and attempted to obtain positions by hanging around Long's office. Johnson stated that their efforts had been unsuccessful. After Long was shot Johnson ran for State Legislator in Ohio and succeeded in obtaining the nomination as Democratic candidate in the primary elections. However, according to Johnson, he resigned his candidacy inasmuch as he considered the Lemke campaign more important.

Johnson advised that he had made trips abroad almost annually with his mother and alone, both prior to and after his graduation from college. He claimed no interest in politics until his trip to Germany alone in 1936 after having made Coughlin's acquaintance. At this time Johnson admitted that he was impressed because of the fact that trains seemed to run on time and that the national employment in Germany seemed to be in a much more favorable condition than it had been prior to Hitler. Johnson returned to Germany in the summer of 1938 and attended the party Congress in Nuremburg, at which time he met Mrs. Viola Bodenschadts. He explained that Mrs. Bodenschadts' brother was one of Goering's adjutants. It was at this party Congress that Johnson also met Mr. and Mrs.

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Killam of Boston, Massachusetts; Boris Brasol of New York City; and Mr. Dilling of Chicago. Previous to this trip he had spent two months in Germany most of which time he was in Berlin. He admitted that he studied the political situation there.

On Johnson's succeeding trip he attended a Nazi training school, which attendance was arranged by the Carl Schurz Foundation. He returned to the United States in the fall of 1938 and in the summer of 1939 again went to Germany to do, as he put it, "more political looking up." En route to Germany via boat he again met Mrs. Bodenschadts and travelled with her after his arrival in Berlin to Danzig and Warsaw, Poland. He visited France at which time he wrote an article for Frederick Auhagen on France's position for which he received no pay. He wrote an article on the German position also for Auhagen after his return to the United States. Johnson was in Munich at the time the war broke out and from there wrote an article for Father Coughlin concerning the outbreak of the war for which he received no pay. In describing the article written for Auhagen, Johnson explained that he had discussed this article with Auhagen before his, Johnson's, departure from the United States. After the outbreak of the war Johnson went to the German Ministry of Propaganda where he saw Werner Asendorf and told Asendorf that he was a correspondent for Coughlin's magazine "Social Justice", which resulted in him obtaining a pass and subsequently making two trips to the Polish front. On his visit to the Ministry of Propaganda he met Mr. Sallet of the German Foreign Ministry and other individuals connected with the German Government. According to Johnson the Propaganda Ministry became angry after his trips to the Polish front because he had not written any articles. They hinted that he would probably write them after his return to the United States. He was accompanied on both of these trips to the front by American newspaper correspondents. During his stay in Berlin he remembered he had lunch with the former German Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Diekhoff.

Johnson stated that after his return from Germany in 1938 one of his good friends was Lawrence Dennis. After knowing Dennis, Johnson was introduced by him to Auhagen, and after having met Auhagen, he became acquainted with George Sylvester Viereck, whom he met at one of the meetings of the American Fellowship Forum. Johnson admitted contributing to the American Fellowship Forum but denied having contributed to Auhagen's magazine "Today's Challenge" although he had previously admitted writing articles for Auhagen free of charge. Johnson admitted acquaintance with Douglas Stewart, associated with Scribner's Commentators; Mr. Harsch of the Flanders Hall Publishing Company; Mr. Brasol, a White Russian; and Manfred Zapp of the Transocean News Agency, who he stated had attempted to be very friendly with him. He met Zapp through Dennis; Seward Collins, former editor of the American Review; or through Frances Pratt of the Foreign Policy Association.

At the same time that Johnson furnished the information as set forth above, he pointed out that his own political ideas had undergone a complete change when he began to realize Germany was becoming an enemy of the United States. He claimed that he had severed all relationships with the individuals mentioned above and intimated that he no longer feels as he had previously felt.

It is known that Johnson contributed $6,000.00 and possibly more to the activities of Lawrence Dennis between 1938 and 1941. Dennis was a defendant in the sedition trials which were recently declared "a mistrial" in Washington, D. C.

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and according to PM Daily of April 29, 1943, he was one of the twenty-five native born American citizens from the Eastern Defense Command who had been ordered excluded from the entire Eastern Defense extending from Maine to Florida, as the individuals were considered dangerous to the internal security.

Johnson was known to keep many books in his apartment located at 751 3rd Street, New York City, prior to 1940, and it was ascertained that among this collection were the following:

"I Knew Hitler" by Ludecke
"Lenin" by Leon Trotsky
"Signale Der Neuen Zeit" by Dr. Goebbels
"Germany's Third Empire" by Moeller Von Der Bruck
"Handbach Der Fudentrage" by T. H. Fritsch
"What Marx Really Meant" by G. D. H. Cole
"Soldantendienst Dneuneureich" by Kurt Hesse
"Autarkie" by Ferdinand Fried
"Amerika Und Wir" by Ernest Jackh
Father Coughlin's "Radio Discourses"
Sombart's "Dreinational Okonomien"
Chappelle's "While England Slept"
Paul Kranonhal's "Das Organfsche Welthbild"
A set of books "The Dynamics of War and Revolution" by Lawrence Dennis
"Nin Stahlge-Witters" by Ernest Junger
"Philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche"

In December, 1941, the Sheriff at Norwalk, Ohio, advised that Philip Johnson is harmless and that he just has a lot of money with nothing to do by travel around and spend it being a nuisance to himself and everyone else. He said that Johnson's family are respectable citizens and that they are quite annoyed by their son's peculiarities.

Johnson was inducted into the United States Army on March 12, 1943, through Local Draft Board #47, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He would have received his degree from the Harvard School of Architecture in May of that year had he completed his studies.

It was reported in October, 1944, that Johnson was attached to Company E, 2nd Military Intelligence Training Battalion, Camp Ritchie, Maryland, as of July 2, 1943. (5-1) (4) (4)

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

May 9, 1945

Director, FBI

Re: PRIVATE PHILIP C. JOHNSON
COL - FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS -X

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of January 9, 1945 setting forth the request of Ambassador JOHN C. WILEY of this Embassy for confidential information concerning the above captioned subject and to the Bureau's reply and enclosure under date of April 6, 1945.

This is to advise that on April 17, 1945, the memorandum enclosed in the referenced Bureau letter concerning subject JOHNSON was made available to Ambassador WILEY personally and on a confidential basis.

Ambassador WILEY expressed his deep appreciation for the service of this office and the Bureau in the above regard.

Very truly yours,

Loane J. Randall

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H. H. Johnson, City's Oldest Lawyer, Dies

Cleveland's oldest practicing attorney, Homer Hosea Johnson, teacher, man of peace and one who looked ever to the future, died at his boyhood home in New London, Huron County, yesterday morning at 5. He was 97.

Homer H. Johnson

Mr. Johnson, who had been staying there since he gave up his room in Hotel Alcazar a year ago, had been in comparatively good health. Each day he had been up and around as usual, his interest in his world never dimming.

There on Main Street, in New London, he lived with his staff at the house where he had returned many times and where he had lived, in his early life, since he was 6 years old. The family farm and home were sold some time ago.

Funeral services are to be held privately in Lake View Cemetery here. Arrangements are being handled by the Eastman funeral home in New London.

Survivors include a son, Philip C. Johnson, a noted New York architect; two daughters, Mrs. John B. Dempsey, 12821 Lake Shore Boulevard, Bratenahl, whose husband is a member of the law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, and Miss Theodate Johnson of New York, owner-publisher of the magazine Musical America, and three grandsons.

Mr. Johnson's law office in Cleveland, M. B. & H. H. Johnson, was in the Union Commerce Building. His partner and Oberlin College classmate,

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M. B. (Blake) Johnson, died some years ago. They were not related. Of course, Mr. Johnson had not gone to the office for a year.

The mild-looking Mr. Johnson was born on the farm in Huron County on June 26, 1862. He was an only child. The home was in the Firelands, or Sufferers' Tract, lands that Connecticut set aside in her Western Reserve. Abraham Lincoln was in the White House.

So Mr. Johnson came to Cleveland by way of Amherst and Oberlin College and the law school of Harvard University. He formed the law firm here the year he received his legal degree. He was at Oberlin with Charles Martin Hall, who worked out the process of extracting pure aluminum from its ore.

Once Hall came to the young lawyer and asked him whether he should accept an offer of $100,000 for his process.

"I told him to take it," Mr. Johnson often recalled, with humor. "He had never seen so much money. Hall rejected it. That's how much I knew."

Birth of Partnership

The lawyers Johnson set up their partnership when Mr. Johnson, then 26, was walking along Euclid Avenue one day, looking for a "connection." M. B. ran into H. H. Said M. B.: "Let's go together and set up a law firm." They did.

Even though Mr. Johnson stopped going to the office in the Union Commerce Building last year, he still technically was a practicing attorney. When he was at the Alcazar he used to make the trips downtown by bus. His wife, Louise Pope Johnson, died in 1957.

Through M. B., who was working for the White Sewing Machine Co. at the time they formed their legal partnership, Mr. Johnson began a long association with the pioneer industrialist family. For years Mr. Johnson was counsel and later board member of the White company.

Formed Trust Concern

Another business venture for Mr. Johnson and his partner was the formation of the old American Trust Co. in the old Mohawk Building on Public Square. Later their trust concern merged with another and finally, after several dozen mergers, became part of the Union Trust Co.

As an attorney, trusts were his specialty in that era of America's history. He once remarked: "Lawyers today have labor and tax laws to worry about. We had the Sherman antitrust act. That act taught us more about trusts than we ever knew. We took a few lessons."

Mr. Johnsons was long interested in world affairs and international peace. His big desk in the office seemed always to be crowded with books and magazines, letters and newspaper clippings. He used to read, in addition to the Plain Dealer, the Manchester Guardian every day.

In 1918 and 1919 he served as a member of the United States Liquidation Commission. His appointment came from Newton D. Baker, who was secretary of war in President Wilson's cabinet. In 1915 he had been a member of the League to Enforce Peace, which was a movement organized by William Howard Taft.

Peace a Passion

Mr. Johnson was always worrying about the future. He spoke much about world disarmament. World peace was his lifelong passion. The scuttling of the League of Nations always saddened him. But, too, he never failed to think of the future as bright. And he was optimistic about young people.

"I'm not worried about them," he once remarked. "They are doing much better than we did."

Mr. Johnson would never have too much to do with the past.

"If you engage in a quarrel with the past and present," he used to reason, "your future is a failure."

Mr. Johnson, who was a friendly, smiling man of medium height, talked about his age, too, with reason. He once called it "this prolonged chronology." Asked once if age brought wisdom, he answered: "I suspect not."

Speculation on Autos

Back in those early law firm days, Mr. Johnson and his partner would speculate on which type of automobile would survive, the electric, the steamer or the gasoline. His own favorite was the steamer. The gas buggy won, but the Johnsons neatly took care of matters by representing manufacturers of all three fledgling types—Baker (electric), White (steamer) and Garford (gasoline).

Mr. Johnson taught law at the law school of Western Reserve University for 25 years. In fact, he helped to organize the school. He was always proud of the many legal minds the school turned out through the years.

He married Miss Louise Pope in 1901. Before they lived in the Alcazar they had a home on Overlook Road in Cleveland Heights. His first wife, Janet Whitcomb, died in 1890. His second wife, Gertrude Beggs, died in 1896.

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PHILIP KORTELYAN JOHNSON
Born: July 8, 1906
Cleveland, Ohio

Reference is made to your request for information subsequent to 1959 concerning the captioned individual. It is noted you were furnished copies of reports concerning Philip Cortelyan Johnson in 1954 which revealed results of investigation conducted during 1941 and 1942.
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In October, 1959, [redacted] New Canaan Police Department, New Canaan, Connecticut, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that Philip C. Johnson, residing on Ponus Ridge Road, New Canaan, born in 1906, was arrested on April 9, 1954, for violation of rules of the road, no disposition shown; and on April 19, 1954, for speeding, fined $14, but complaint was withdrawn. No other information was available concerning Johnson.
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